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AUSTRALIA

DRUGS WORTH \$1.7 MILLION DESTROYED

Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 14 Oct 76 p 2

[Article by Margot Lang]

[Text] This is what \$1.7 million worth of illegal drugs looks like--and yesterday it all went up in smoke.

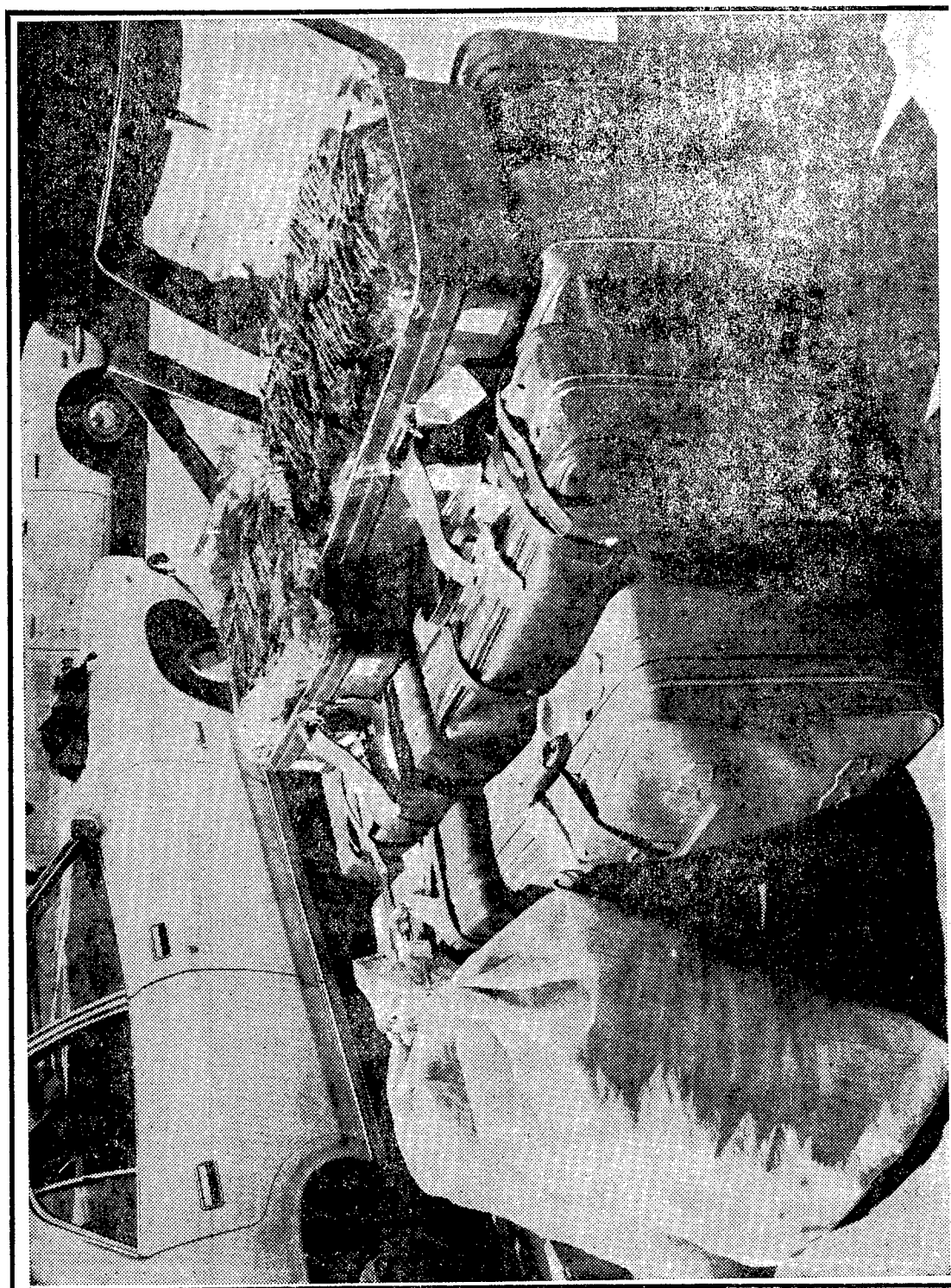
There were thousands of cannabis Buddha sticks, along with cannabis oil, cannabis resin, LSD and heroin, all seized by the WA narcotics bureau in and around Perth in the past 6 months.

The biggest part of the haul was \$1.4 million of cannabis confiscated after narcotics agents broke up Australia's biggest drug-smuggling effort at Derby last October.

The 90,000 Buddha sticks, which cost about 3c each in Thailand, would have sold for about \$15 each on the street in Australia.

The drugs were kept in a vault in the Customs building until it was time for the big burn.

Two officers appointed from outside the narcotics bureau checked all the weights against the weights recorded when the drugs were seized.



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AUSTRALIA

BOND SET AT \$400 FOR ONE-HALF GRAM OF HEROIN

Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 19 Oct 76 p 40

[Text] A youth who pleaded guilty to importing half a gram of heroin was yesterday placed on a \$400 good behaviour bond for two years.

In the Beaufort Street Court, Magistrate D. Howe said that Timothy T. Gibbons, 18, unemployed, of Hopetown Terrace, Shenton Park, should undergo medical and psychiatric treatment during the next two years.

Gibbons admitted possessing the drug at Mt Hawthorn on 7 September.

He had previously been stood down for a pre-sentence report.

Mr Howe agreed with Mr C. J. Pullin, for Gibbons, that the defendant had an addiction problem and was not a trafficker.

(Before Magistrate D. Howe. Mr G. N. Calder prosecuted. Mr C. J. Pullin for Gibbons).

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AUSTRALIA

MAN USED \$300 OF DRUGS A WEEK

Melbourne THE AGE in English 20 Oct 76 p 13

[Text] A young man's drug addiction cost him \$300 a week and forced him into the streets "with brick in hand to throw through chemist shop windows," a lawyer told the County Court yesterday.

Mr M. Raiskums told Judge Adams that the man was on a slow road to suicide unless he could be rehabilitated.

"This boy is a lost youth who graduated from pot to heroin, cocaine, opium and morphine," he said.

"The only thing he faces are destruction and death."

Before the court was John Phillip Doyle, 21, unemployed, of Fortescue Avenue, Seaford.

He pleaded guilty to three counts of burglary of two chemist shops and a house at Seaford and Mount Eliza in May and June.

He also pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated burglary on two chemist shops during the same period.

Judge Adams sentenced Doyle to a total of 3 years and 6 months jail, with a minimum of 18 months to be served.

The judge said: "I believe you sincerely want to mend your drug problems. You can have all the doctors in the world to help you, but in the end you must help yourself.

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AUSTRALIA

JUDGE CALLS ONE-YEAR JAIL TERM EXCESSIVE

Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 26 Oct 76 p 13

[Text] A jail term imposed on a young man convicted of drug possession was manifestly excessive, Mr Justice Dunn said yesterday.

The Criminal Court of Appeal set aside a 12-month jail term given to Frederick Robert Heinrichs, 20, a process worker.

Heinrichs was convicted in the District Court on a charge of having had heroin and instruments used for the administration of drugs.

Mr Justice D. M. Campbell, Mr Justice Kelly, and Mr Justice Dunn substituted a 12-month probation order for the sentence.

Mr D. Casey (for Heinrichs) said jail was not the place for rehabilitation.

Mr R. N. Miller (for the Crown) said the judge had taken the cause of punishment rather than rehabilitation.

Mr R. N. Miller appeared for the Crown Prosecutor. Mr D. Casey, with him Mr W. A. Howell, instructed by Fez Ruthning and Company, appeared for Heinrich.

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AUSTRALIA

BIG MONEY, DRUGS TIED TO SLAYING

Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 27 Oct 76, p 1

[Text] Detectives think big money and drugs are in the background of the murder of a young man, gunned down in his car at Sherwood yesterday.

Police think the gangland-style execution was because he knew too much or because of squabbles over payment for drugs.

It is believed \$7,000 was allegedly owing for drugs.

Detectives learned that the man was seen in a Magistrate's Court at 1000 yesterday when another young man pleaded guilty to charges of possessing heroin and a syringe.

The two were believed to be friendly and left the court together, with a girl.

An anonymous caller to THE COURIER-MAIL late yesterday said: "The man who was shot gave evidence in court on a drug charge this morning. . . He was followed from the court. . ." The caller then hung up.

Fusillade

The murdered man was Brian Campbell, 21, married, of Vincents Street, Indooroopilly.

He died at 1210 in Sherwood Road after a fusillade of gunshots.

A manhunt was on last night for at least one, almost certainly two gunmen.

Police said Campbell's car was blasted with a shotgun and a .303 or .310 rifle.

A rifle bullet drilled a hole near the petrol tank, through the back of the driver's seat and into Campbell's back.

Shotgun and rifle cartridge cases were found in Honour Avenue, about 70 metres from its intersection with Sherwood Road, Sherwood.

Wild Skid

Just after midday Campbell was in his car, alone, facing Sherwood Road. He took off, car wheels skidding wildly as shots rang out.

Mortally wounded, Campbell tore up Honour Avenue and swung right into busy Sherwood Road.

His car hit a Telecom van coming down Sherwood Road, spun around and crashed into a light pole.

Rescuers thinking it was just another road smash found all windows wound up and the doors locked.

They opened a quarter glass window. Campbell was slumped sideways behind the driver's seat. He was still breathing, but unconscious.

Died Silent

They dragged him onto the footpath and he died there without speaking.

Police found a Luger pistol under the driver's seat. They found Campbell had a large sum of money, and more in the car.

Detectives went over the car looking for drugs.

The manhunt area was wide open last night. Police had all-points lookouts for a number of suspect vehicles and motor cycles.

Road blocks which ringed Brisbane, were called off as the search area grew.

A dragnet was out for several young suspects, all connected with the Brisbane drug scene.

Campbell had parked a late model black Torana sedan in Honour Avenue, opposite Sherwood railway station, early yesterday. He may have caught a train into the city.

Mrs Audrey Nichol, of Woolloongabba saw the shooting from the Sherwood station platform.

"I saw the black car there and another cream or white car and a motor bike," she said. "I heard what sounded like a car backfire and looked up.

"A young chap was standing there with a gun. He was aiming down, like he was trying to get the tyres. I heard at least two shots.

"Then he got into the passenger side of the light colored car. He was in no great hurry.

"Then I saw the black car and the light car took off. . . I can't remember what happened to the motor bike.

"The one who did the shooting had long hair, tied back in a pony tail...."

'Bleeding'

Terry Williamson, Telecom lineman, of Newstead said: "We were in a Telecom van coming down Sherwood Road. The black car tore out of Honour Avenue and into us...and then into the pole.

"We jumped out and then we saw the bullet holes in the back of the car.

"We got him out finally; he was bleeding from the mouth. He died there on the footpath."

A man who did not want to be named said: "I'd just parked my car in Sherwood Road to go the dentist's, just down from Honour Avenue. I heard the shots. I saw a white Fairlane and a chap on a motor bike come out of the avenue and head down Sherwood Road. There were two men in the car.

"About 10 seconds later, the black Torana came flying out of the avenue doing 60 miles an hour, and crashed into the Post Office van and the pole."

Detectives late yesterday were still trying to find a witness to explain the two different calibre weapons. No one saw the two gunmen.

One group of at least 10 shotgun pellets peppered and scoured the back of the car on the driver's side.

Another group of about 13 pellets, hit near the petrol tank.

A rent in the right rear mudguard was made by a heavy rifle bullet.

Another bullet, the one that probably did the damage hit near the petrol tank, ploughed through the boot and back seat and into the driver's seat.

Late yesterday police thought the killers may have switched cars. They were hunting for a sportscar.

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AUSTRALIA

BRIEFS

HEROIN SEIZED--Drug squad detectives seized heroin capsules worth at least \$1,000 in a raid on a house in the Brisbane suburb of Hill End last night. A man is expected to appear in the Magistrate's Court today charged with having the drug for sale. Another man is expected to appear on charges of possession of hashish. Drug squad detectives made the raid on the house in Dudley Street after keeping it under observation. Nine detectives raided the house and then spoke to people who arrived there. [Text] [Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 16 Oct 76 p 1]

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BURMA

POLICE SEIZE HEROIN IN RANGOON

Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 25 Oct 76 p 7 BK

[Text] Rangoon, 24 Oct--Acting on information, crime prevention squad leader U Tha U and team searched the third floor of No 240, 30th Street, Rangoon, at 1300 yesterday and arrested Isamat as he was smoking a heroin cigarette. The team also seized a package of heroin worth 30 kyat.

Acting on information provided by Isamat, Sub-Inspector of Police U Aye of the crime prevention squad, Chairman U Win of the People's Council of Ward No 8 in Kaba-Aye and team searched house No 867 on Mahabawga Road in Ward No 8, Kaba-Aye, and seized seven penicillin bottles of heroin worth 3,500 kyat. Charges have been filed against Ma Shwe Han and Ma Myint Myint under sections 6 (B) and 10 (B) of the Narcotic Drugs Law and against Isamat under sections 6 (B) of the Narcotic Drugs Law.

Acting on a tip-off by a dutiful working person that somebody was selling heroin in the vicinity of the jail workers' quarters on Phonegyi Road, Lanmadaw Township, Lanmadaw police station officer U Than Maung, Sgt Tin Aung and team rushed to the place and arrested Ohnthee of the jail workers' quarters on the road platform in front of the jail compound teashop, along with a package of heroin worth 500 kyat.

Acting on information provided by Ohnthee, the team searched the residence of Daw Aye Hmee in the jail workers' residential compound and seized 15 packages of hidden heroin worth 5,000 kyat. Action has been taken against both of them under sections 6 (B) and 10 (B) of the Narcotic Drugs Law by the Lanmadaw police.

Maung Ohn Thein [as printed] who was selling heroin on the Phonegyi Road platform, Lanmadaw township, and Daw Aye Hmee of the jail workers quarter as seen at the Lanmadaw Police Station on 23 October together with the heroin.

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INDONESIA

BRIEFS

COOPERATION IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT--The North Sumatra police chief, Brigadier General Kusjono, and the police chief of Penang, Malaysia, Brigadier General Nicholas, met in Medan to discuss the eradication of narcotics trafficking between North Sumatra and Penang and existing cooperation in other fields. Smugglers arrested in Medan and other places in Sumatra were found with narcotics originating from Penang, while part of the marihuana smuggled into Penang came from North Sumatra or Aceh. This indicates that drug traffickers are using the North Sumatra-Penang route. [Excerpt] [Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian 2300 GMT 9 Nov 76 BK]

NO SMUGGLING BY DIPLOMATS--According to the chief of the Indonesian Police Force, Police General Widodo Budidarmo, so far no foreign diplomats in Indonesia have been involved in narcotics smuggling. However, in spite of this, the police will continue to tighten controls against narcotics smuggling. The police chief stated this after he reported on the outcome of the Interpol annual meeting to President Suharto at the Binagraha Building in Jakarta this afternoon. General Widodo Budidarmo, who is also Interpol's vice president, said that narcotics smuggling was discussed at the Interpol meeting in Accra recently. He said that the illegal narcotics trade constitutes a latent danger and fighting this illegal traffic is being conducted at the regional as well as at the international level. [Text] [Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian 1200 GMT 2 Nov 76 BK]

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MALAYSIA

ADDICTS MAY LOSE DRIVING LICENSES

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 4 Oct 76 p 10

[Text] Kuala Lumpur, Sunday--All RIMV offices throughout the country have been told to take action against drivers who are drug addicts.

A spokesman from the Road Transport Department said today holders of driving licences, who were found to be drug addicts, would be asked to show cause why their licences should not be revoked.

"It is only after that that we will decide on the type of action to be taken against them," he added.

He said--drug addicts were a possible source of danger to other road users if they were allowed to drive.

The National Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse recommended earlier this year that certified drug addicts should be suspended or disqualified from driving.

It also suggested that the Road Transport Department consider including in the licence application form declaration by applicants that they were not drug addicts.

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FIVE ARRESTED FOR HEROIN, OPIUM POSSESSION

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 5 Oct 76 p 11

[Text] Kuala Lumpur, Monday--City police seized 30 tahils of opium and 60 tubes of heroin in four separate raids during the week-end.

They have detained five suspected drug addicts, including an 18-year-old girl. Police also seized a Yamaha motorcycle and \$1,005 from one of the suspects.

On Saturday night at 10 p.m. police arrested two men in a coffeeshop in Jalan Chow Kit and recovered 12 tubes of heroin.

At 7 a.m. yesterday, a patrol car chased and stopped a motor-cyclist in Jalan Raja Laut and seized a bundle of raw opium tied to his waist.

The drug, weighing about 1 kati and 14 tahils, is worth about \$5,000.

Police believe the suspect, aged 44, was on his way to deliver the drug at an opium den somewhere in the city.

They also found \$1,005 in his trouser pocket, and believe that he had earlier disposed part of his drug consignment.

At 10 a.m., a police party arrested an 18-year-old girl and seized two tubes of heroin in Jalan Chow Kit.

Last night, another suspect was picked up, also in Jalan Chow Kit, and seized 46 tubes of heroin from him.

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MALAYSIA

SUCCESS SEEN IN COMBATING DRUG MENACE

Cause for Satisfaction

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 14 Oct 76 p 10 BK

[Editorial: "More Successes"]

[Text] Success in combating the drug menace is not measured by the volume of arrests and drug seizures alone but even allowing that, the amount of heroin seized in the past three weeks is cause for satisfaction. On Sunday nearly 20-lb of the poison were received in a Kuala Lumpur hotel. Police described this as their biggest success in some years, exceeding by three times the total haul in the 1970-72 period since statistics were kept. Three weeks earlier in Ipom, Preak policy netted 12-lb in an ambush. Arrests were made in both instances. The combined street value of the impounded drug, which the police put at close to \$9 million, reaffirms one of the prime factors which drive drug merchants. But the public should ponder another statistic: the 32-lb of white powder would have made three million shots for addicts, or one "fix" for every two of the adult population. The implication of which the public should be aware, is that suppressing the trade is a frustrating process, especially since the amount of hard drugs flowing into Malaysia appears to be multiplying. Information fed to the police would certainly help shorten the war on drug abuse, and there is every indication that the public cooperation which contributed to the past few years' success will grow. Parallel with this, the intelligence-gathering functions of the police, customs and the Central Narcotics Bureau must prosper. Every Malaysian gains by this. Whereas the rehabilitative aspect has been stabilized with the opening of treatment centres and laws which are kind on addicts, the full weight of the state's apparatus can now be devoted to the suppression of supplies.

Vials of Heroin

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 14 Oct 76 p 7 BK

[Text] Penang, Tues--Leng Wah Kwai, 28, was jailed for one year for having two grams of heroin at 3 p.m. on Oct. 4.

Leng, who had completed a three-year sentence for robbery, was found by police with nine plastic vials of heroin in his pocket.

'Notorious Drug Pusher'

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 14 Oct 76 p 5 BK

[Text] Bukit Mertajam, Wed--Police last night picked up 20 suspects in a five-hour clean-up operation lasting until early this morning. All except six were later released. One of those detained was said to be a notorious drug pusher who had eluded arrest several times. He was cornered after he ran into a toilet at the hospital quarters. Police seized a tube of heroin from him.

The other suspects were held for gambling and not carrying their identity cards.

OCPO, ASP [Officer in Charge of Police Department, Assistant Superintendent Police] Abdul Hamid Bin Abu Bakar, directed the operation which started at 8 p.m.. Three police parties, led by inspectors Lai Kim Eng, Rahimi Bin Ghazali and Abidin Bin Dan carried out simultaneous raids until a.m.

Straw Tubes of Heroin

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 16 Oct 76 p 15 BK

[Text] Ipoh, Fri--Police seized 20 straw tubes of heroin following the arrest of a 23-year-old man at Pasir Putem here.

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NORTHERN MALAYSIAN CIVIL SERVANTS WARNED OF DRUG ABUSE

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 17 Oct 76 p 6 BK

[Text] Kuala Trengganu, Sat.--State Secretary Datuk Wira Jaya said stern action will be taken against government servants who get involved in drug abuse.

"Government servants who are involved in drugs should be reported to the proper authorities," he said.

Datuk Wira Jaya was speaking at a meeting at the Tunku Abdul Rahman Hall today to discuss ways to fight drug abuse.

More than 1,000 people--mainly students, teachers and government officers--attended the meeting.

Datuk Wira Jaya also said the state has already drawn up a plan to set up a rehabilitation centre for drug addicts at Kampung Raja in Besut.

The government intends to convert the old hospital at Kampung Raja into a rehabilitation centre by the middle of next year.

At present there are three rehabilitation centres in Malaysia--in Kuala Kubu Saru, Sukit Mertajam and Tampoi.

Also present at the meeting was the chief of the central division of the Central Narcotics Bureau, Encik Hasnan Abdul Aziz.

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NORTHERN MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL ON SMUGGLING OF DRUGS, OTHER GOODS

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 18 Oct 76 p 7 BK

[Text] Alor Star, Sun.--The number of arrests of suspected drug traffickers in Keoah and Perlis is almost half the total arrested throughout the country.

This showed that most of the drugs were smuggled into the country from Thailand with Kedah and Perlis as the main gateways, Tan Sri Kadir told the press conference.

It was important, therefore, that police, customs and members of the armed forces be always on the alert to check smuggling.

Tan Sri Kadir said the authorities had been quite successful in their anti-smuggling drive. But it would be impossible to totally eliminate smuggling. Anti-smuggling patrols were carried out both on land and at sea.

Tan Sri Kadir said that construction of a barbed wire fence along the Perlis-Thai border would not only help to curb smuggling but would also make it more difficult for Malaysians to smuggle stolen motorcars and motorcycles across to Thailand.

"The customs officers are now better armed and I have given instructions to them not to hesitate to use their firearms when necessary," he said.

Tan Sri Kadir gave these figures:

Since last year, Kedah and Perlis police seized 86 firearms, eight hand-grenades, and a large quantity of ammunition.

A total of 77 people were arrested for illegal possession of firearms. Twenty-seven of them were charged last year and 14 were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from four to seven years, with whipping.

This year, 21 people were charged under the Internal Security Act for Possession of Firearms.

Kedah and Perlis police seized 5,461 piculs of smuggled Thai rice from January 1975 to September this year. A total of 74 cars, 14 lorries, 34 motorcycles, nine boats and nine sampans were also seized in connection with the rice smuggling.

MALAYSIA

COURT JAILS, CANES MAN FOR DRUGS POSSESSION

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 19 Oct 76 p 7 BK

[Text] Ipoh, Mon.--A marketing assistant, Yong Meow Sen, was sentenced by the Sessions Court here today to five years and ordered to be caned for possession of drugs.

Yong, 35, pleaded guilty to both charges under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1952, of having 364 grams of heroin and 126 grams of morphine in his house at Fair Park here at 5 a.m. on March 27, last year.

The court's president, Encik Annuar Bin Dato Zainal Abidin, sentenced him to five years' jail and six strokes of the rotan on each charge. The sentences are however to run concurrently.

In passing sentence, Encik Annuar said that Yong had committed a serious offence as an adult, but he would not overlook Yong's good behaviour and outstanding working record.

He had also taken into consideration the cooperation Yong had given to the police by handing over the drugs when asked.

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MALAYSIA

DEPUTY LAW MINISTER: MALAYSIA NOT PRODUCING DANGEROUS DRUGS

Hong Kong AFP in English 1310 GMT 28 Oct 76 BK

[Text] Kuala Lumpur, Oct 28 (AFP)--The government has rejected the allegation that Malaysia is one of the international drug distribution centres, the national news agency BERNAMA reported today.

Deputy Law Minister Rais Yatim told parliament today that Malaysia was not producing any type of dangerous drugs.

The drugs smuggled overseas by Malaysian citizens did not originate in the country but were bought from other countries.

Replying to a government back bencher he said steps were being taken to curb the smuggling of drugs. These included the cancellation of passports of those involved in drug smuggling and heavier sentences of drug offenders.

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MALAYSIA

MALAYSIA, HONG KONG TO COOPERATE IN DRUG SUPPRESSION

Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 4 Nov 76 BK

[Text] Malaysia and Hong Kong have been working closely to find ways and means of suppressing international drug smuggling. This was stated today by the minister of law, Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Yusoff, after meeting the Hong Kong antidrug commissioner, Mr Peter Lee, at his office in Kuala Lumpur.

He said that his deputy, Encik Rais Yatim, and officials of the Narcotics Bureau would visit Hong Kong to study the functions of an organization in the colony, which is equivalent to the Association of Prevention of Drug Abuse.

Mr. Peter Lee told newsmen that Hong Kong was ready to assist Malaysia in fighting the smuggling of drugs. Hong Kong needed the cooperation inside and outside the region to insure that drug trafficking was being curbed.

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MALAYSIA

CID DIRECTOR DETAILS 1976 DRUG ARREST FIGURES

Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 6 Nov 76 BK

[Text] A total of 3,477 people have been arrested so far this year under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance; 131 pounds of narcotics were also seized. In giving these details, the director of the CID [Criminal Investigation Department], Deputy Commissioner Abdul Rahman Ismail, described the drugs menace as the number two threat to the nation after that caused by the communist terrorists and subversive elements.

Speaking at the opening of a police station at (Seranung) in Pahang, Enchik Abdul Rahman said 34 drug traffickers had been charged in courts so far this year. One had been jailed for life. He also said that the police had from the beginning of this year seized 161 guns and 8,300 rounds of ammunitions, and 78 persons had been charged under the Firearms Increased Penalty Act. One had been sentenced to death, another given life imprisonment and the rest were awaiting trial.

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MALAYSIA

NARCOTICS BUREAU UNCOVERS HEROIN PROCESSING LABORATORY

Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 12 Nov 76 BK

[Text] The Central Narcotics Bureau has discovered another illegal heroin processing laboratory in the Bukit Hertajam area during a raid at Kampong Tungkang on the 27th of last month. The bureau's acting director, (Enchik Jargis Ali), said this today. One such laboratory was discovered in 1973, while the second one on [as heard] the 9th of last month, both in nearby areas. He said the three laboratories were operated by the same syndicate. Seven persons had been arrested, including a chemist. The latest laboratory could produce 40 pounds of heroin daily.

(Enchik Jargis) said those arrested will be charged in court under the new dangerous drug ordinance, which carried the death sentence or life imprisonment. He said this year alone 77 people were arrested. About 160 pounds of raw opium, 40 pounds of heroin and 2,500 ganja plants were seized.

(Enchik Jargis) said he and CID [Criminal Investigation Department] deputy director will attend the 5-day conference of heads of drug enforcement agencies in Manila beginning on Monday. The conference, organized by the United Nations, among other things will discuss coordinating efforts among European and Southeast Asian countries to suppress drug trafficking. Malaysia will support heavier penalties on those involved in drug abuse.

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MALAYSIA

BRIEFS

HEROIN SUPPLIERS--In Kuala Lumpur police have picked up nine more youths in connection with suspected drug abuse offenses. A quantity of drugs believed to be heroin was seized. Earlier, a police spokesman said the federal capital's Special Flying Squad, which went into operations in July, had arrested 34 suppliers and distributors of narcotics. He said among those detained were six persons believed to be major suppliers of heroin. [Text] [Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 7 Nov 75 BK]

ANTIDRUG MEASURES--The government is to intensify antidrug abuse measures. The deputy minister of information, Dato Sri Haji Kamaruddin, said government machinery would be further strengthened to attain the objective. Dependents on drugs could not only bring physical, mental and spiritual ruin but could also cause economic, social, educational and even political harm. He was opening an antidrug abuse civic course in Kuala Lumpur today. He urged the people, especially community leaders, to plan specific programs to keep the young away from narcotics. [Text] [Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 7 Nov 76 BK]

OFFICIALS SEIZE HEROIN, MORPHINE--Kuala Lumpur, 13 Nov (AFP)--Malaysian customs detained a 17-year-old youth and seized 3 pounds of heroin, worth about 30,000 Malaysian (US\$12,000) dollars locally, at the checkpoint near the Malaysian-Thai border today. The heroin could provide about 204,300 shots to addicts, customs spokesman told reporters in the northern town of Alor Star, according to the national news agency BERNAMA. The seizure is the second to be made by Kedah-Perlis customs this week. On Thursday night customs seized 9 pounds of heroin and 22 pounds of morphine, worth more than \$130,000 (US\$52,000) locally, at a sugar plantation. [Text] [Hong Kong AFP in English 1003 GMT 13 Nov 76 BK]

ARREST OF FIVE YOUTHS--Police, continuing their crackdown on drug abuse, have detained five youths in Ipoh and seized a quantity of heroin. The youths were picked up separately at Buntung, (Mengelembu) and (Jalan Kauplan). [Text] [Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 14 Nov 76 BK]

DUTCH ARREST MALAYSIANS--Leyden, Friday--Police seized 33 pounds (15 kg) of heroin in two separate operations last night, a spokesman said today. A spokesman said 26.4 pounds (12 kg) of heroin worth US\$400,000 on the black market were found in the luggage of two Singapore Chinese who checked into a motel in Leyden, near Amsterdam. At Oldenzaal, near the West German border, police arrested three Malaysians carrying more than 7 pounds (3 kg) of heroin on an incoming international train. --UPI.
[Text] [Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 2 Oct 76 p 1]

DRUGS ENTER SABAH--Kota Kinabalu--Police have arrested a number of people caught trying to bring drugs into the state, most at the port. But imports are expected to increase and the police have appealed to the public for information. The identity of the person who tips off the police about drug abuse will be kept secret, Superintendent Mohamad Jamil Hassan has promised. Parents should tell the police if their children are involved in drug taking, "so that we can give whatever assistance we can to prevent further involvement, which normally leads to drug trafficking."
[Excerpts] [Kuala Belait BORNEO BULLETIN in English 16 Oct 76 p 2]

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SINGAPORE

YOUTH ESCAPES DEATH SENTENCE

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 5 Oct 76 p 9

[Text] Singapore, Monday--A teenage drug trafficker from Penang today escaped the death penalty for the offence because he was "underaged"--that is, under 18 at the time of his offence in Singapore.

Lim Hang Chau, who was 17 years when arrested last December 20 for carrying 499 grams of heroin, was instead ordered by the High Court to be detained at the "pleasure of the President of the Republic."

Lim admitted he had the heroin in three bags, tied to both his legs by insulating tapes, when he was checked at the Woodlands Customs checkpoint on his arrival by taxi from Johore Baru last December 20.

DPP Alan Wong, prosecuting, said Lim in a cautioned statement stated that he was paid \$150 to carry the heroin earlier that day by someone in Johore Baru, known to him only by the nickname of "Tua Bak" (big eyes).

Mr. S. K. Lee, defending, said in mitigation that Lim, jobless, was "naive" when he became a courier of the drug for "Tua Bak."

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SINGAPORE

BRIEFS

HALFWAY HOUSE CLOSED--Singapore, 3 Nov (AFP)--A drug rehabilitation centre here has closed down temporarily--because inmates were found taking drugs on the premises. The centre, run by the Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association, is expected to be re-opened when stricter conditions can be enforced. The centre, called "Halfway House," was established to provide drug abusers a refuge away from unsuitable home surroundings and to rehabilitate them. But this aim was defeated when raids by drug enforcement officers led to the arrest of many of the inmates. Some of them were caught taking heroin. A spokesman for the association said it had been "too lenient" with the inmates, letting them go home for the weekend. "They have abused this privilege to sneak drugs into the center," he said. [Text] [Hong Kong AFP in English 0644 GMT 3 Nov 76 BK]

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THAILAND

'BAN MUANG' REPORTS HEROIN BUST IN BANGKOK

Bangkok BAN MUANG in Thai 30 Oct 76 p 16 BK

[Text] Pol Maj Gen Suwit Sotthithat, commander of the police Crime Suppression Division [CSD] was informed by an agent that a large consignment of heroin would be delivered to a trader at Bang Mot market, Rat Burana District [of Bangkok]. Pol Maj Phairot Thong-in, inspector of Section 2, Division 7 CSD, was dispatched along with a number of policemen to watch the area. On 29 October at about 1600, three men carrying paper bags appeared in the area and acted in a peculiar manner. These men were searched, and 12 plastic bags of deer [kwang] brand heroin weighing a total of 8 kilos were found.

The suspects were identified as Petty Officer First Class Phairat Charoenphon and Seaman Manop Khiamsa-at, both attached to the Naval Academy, and Charun Romyen. They revealed that they were hired to deliver the heroin to a Tra market, the name of which they refused to identify. The confiscated heroin is worth about 600,000 baht on the Thai market and about 120 million baht if sold in the U.S., disclosed Pol Maj Thong-in.

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THAILAND

'BANGKOK WORLD' WELCOMES U. S. HELICOPTER ANTI-NARCOTIC AID

Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English 1 Nov 76 p 4 BK

[Editorial: "Copter Aid Well-timed"]

[Text] News that the United States government offered five helicopters to the Thanin Kraiwichian government to help it fight narcotics is welcoming and heartening. Five years ago the United States entered into an agreement with this country to provide personnel aid and equipment to fight this growing threat of national security. The aid is still going on and with the help of five helicopters Thailand will be in a position to wage the anti-narcotics campaign to the fullest extent.

The helicopters will be used for aerial inspection to trace opium caravans and track smugglers on jungle trails as well as search for opium crops and heroin factories in the mountainous jungles of the north. This is of great importance. As the prime minister has pointed out, although Thailand is not the worst opium producing country, we are a main trading centre for narcotics. Traffickers continue to look for the Far East for their major supplies of heroin. We have to tackle this problem with full force.

It is appropriate that the prime minister has decided to set up a new department soon to deal exclusively with narcotic prevention and suppression. This new department, to be attached to the office of the prime minister, will strictly deal with illicit drug suppression and prevention and rehabilitation of drug addicts. We have said time and again that it has been a common oversimplification to consider narcotic addiction, or drug abuse, to be only a law enforcement problem. Effective control of illicit drugs requires the cooperation of many agencies. The new department requires and must get cooperation of all concerned, not as in the past.

The first step is to strengthen the laws and secure rigid enforcement. A series of conferences with law enforcement personnel and executives concerned must first be held. Basically, this is a sociological question that has become so closely related to the increase in crime that the problem can no longer be left to solve itself. The aid of the government is imperative.

This difficult subject must be dealt with in a comprehensive manner if any progress is to be made in overcoming the dangers of the widespread use of narcotics. A lot of personnel will have to be mobilised also to deal with the education of the public on this menace as well as to provide for rehabilitation of users who require psychological or psychiatric help to break the habit. Never before has there been such a massive challenge.

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THAILAND

'BANGKOK POST' WELCOMES U. S. RESPONSE TO WAR ON DRUGS

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 2 Nov 76 p 8 BK

[Editorial: "War on Drugs"]

[Text] The promptness with which the United States government has responded to the Thanin Kraiwichian Government's declaration of war against narcotics is most encouraging. After the prime minister had announced to the Thai public that an anti-narcotics campaign is one of the top priorities of the government, the secretary general of the National Administrative Reform Council, General Kriangsak Chamanan, revealed for the foreign and local correspondents that the government intends to set up a strong and effective organization to combat the drug traffic.

General Kriangsak, now deputy chairman of the National Advisory Reform Council, appealed to the United Nations and other countries with a similar objective to provide whatever assistance is possible. Such aid is necessary because narcotics trade spans in the continents and is a menace to all the people of the world. The United States, which has one of the worst drug problems in the world, has been trying to combat narcotics at their sources of supply, like Turkey and Burma, with not much success.

Washington must have been greatly impressed with our government's determination to fight the narcotics traffic that it has immediately offered five helicopters to be used in the campaign. They will be assigned to a new department to be set up in the prime minister's office to specially tackle the problem. Helicopters are needed to track down opium smuggling caravans and to inspect poppy fields and heroin plants.

The helicopters will be mainly useful in suppression operations. However, the United States government should be able to assist Thailand in a crop substitution programme for poppy-growing hill tribes. The hill tribes should be given legal cash crops to grow instead of the opium poppy so that they will have an adequate means of livelihood. If the crops are such that they can be grown on hilly terrain and can be sold for good prices, the hill tribes need not have to return to poppy planting.

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YUGOSLAVIA

BRIEFS

DRUG SMUGGLER CAUGHT--On 29 October, customs officials on the Gradina border crossing caught Turkish citizen Ilijas Karmas, who is temporarily employed in the FRG, while he was trying to smuggle 58.5 kilograms of hashish across the border. The hashish was concealed in a special compartment of a Volkswagen automobile and was intended for sale in the Western European countries. The smuggler was fined 60,000 dinars, while his automobile and hashish have been confiscated. The communal public prosecutor started criminal proceedings in the Dimitrovgrad Court. [Belgrade POLITIKA in Serbo-Croatian 30 Oct 76 p 11 AU]

TWO DRUG SMUGGLERS DETAINED--Customs officials on the Gradina border crossing near Dimitrovgrad on the Yugoslav-Bulgarian border have caught two drug smugglers. In a special compartment of a Mercedes automobile driven by Helmut Hoefinz, 23, a FRG citizen, customs officials found 17 kilograms of hashish which Hoefinz had bought in Turkey. In a Volkswagen automobile Turkish citizen Aki Ugala, 22, was transporting 19 kilograms of hashish intended for buyers in the FRG. The hashish and automobiles have been confiscated, while the two smugglers will be tried by the criminal bench of the Dimitrovgrad District Court for illicit drug trade. [Text] [Zagreb VJESNIK in Serbo-Croatian 21 Oct 76 p 16 AU]

TURKISH DRUG SMUGGLER--Gul Asar, 26, electrician from Istanbul, has been caught on the Gradina border crossing near Dimitrovgrad on the Yugoslav-Bulgarian border while smuggling drugs. Customs officials found in the boot of his Ford automobile 28 kilograms of hashish. The drugs and the automobile have been confiscated while Asar will be tried by the criminal bench of the Dimitrovgrad District Court of illicit drug smuggling. [Zagreb VJESNIK in Serbo-Croatian 22 Oct 76 p 16 AU]

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MEXICO

OUSTER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS DEMANDED

Teachers Demonstration

Matamoros EL BRAVO in Spanish 5 Oct 76 pp 1-B, 3-B

[Excerpts] During a protest demonstration in the main square yesterday, Matamoros teachers made the following demands:

- 1--that the gunmen responsible for Saturday morning's attack on professor Carlos Arias Gutierrez be punished immediately;
- 2--that corrupt and incompetent police officers be replaced;
- 3--that the DIE [Special Investigations Department] be dismantled on the basis that it is unconstitutional;
- 4--that Federal Public Ministry agent Juan Hector Garcia Benavides be removed from his post on the basis of incompetence and weakness; and
- 5--that state Attorney General Raul Albertos Betancourt intervene immediately and take charge of matters because of a lack of confidence in the local judicial officials.

Some 2,000 teachers in Matamoros participated in the rally held at the Benito Juarez Plaza and in the orderly street demonstration to protest the attack on professor Carlos Arias Gutierrez. The demonstrators marched down 6th Street to the main square where they were joined by the general public, business people and students.

The first speaker was Cruz Lucio Perez, secretary general of the D-1-68 Delegation to which the injured professor belongs. In his extemporaneous speech which was continually interrupted by applause, Perez said that the police chiefs are mistaken if they believe that public posts are a way of life. He said that in Matamoros law and order had been weakened by so many assaults, acts of gangsterism and instances of women being molested. "Teachers will not tolerate police corruption that is in league with the criminals. Justice is on the side of the highest bidder," he said. The professor criticized bossism which he blamed for the social unrest in

Matamoros. He criticized Chief Jesus Zuniga and accused him of not knowing the meaning of public order and he asked him to resign "if he has any pride."

Before beginning his speech Andres Cervantes demanded that the mayor be present. The mayor left his office to come to the speakers platform. He had difficulty getting through the crowd of demonstrators gathered in the main square.

Mayor Attends Meeting

Professor Cervantes, directing his comments to Mayor Guajardo, challenged him to pause in the work of his administration to consider whether the people deserved "being molested, assaulted, robbed and doing without justice." He asked that his remarks be brought to the attention of the governor so "that all public officials who have been bribed will be fired because we know that stairs must be swept from top to bottom." He explained that they were not only asking that justice be done on behalf of the teachers because of the bloody incident which has become a crisis but they were also asking for justice for all of Matamoros.

Cervantes labeled the Federal Public Ministry agent as powerless and he quoted him as saying during a private meeting with the mayor on Sunday that "we cannot do anything about murderers, we are afraid of them. We cannot risk the lives of the police." The professor said that if the law enforcement officials were powerless to act as Juan Hector Garcia Benavides indicated then it was time to call in the army to do away with lawlessness. He said that this was why he was asking for the ouster of the Federal Public Ministry prosecutor.

Professor Jose de la Paz Bermudez enthusiastically applauded the mayor's decision to attend the rally and personally listen to the people's demand for justice.

Speakers Attacks

Jose de la Paz Bermudez announced that the teachers were supporting the bar association's petition calling for the dismantling of the DIE because it is unconstitutional. "We know that the bar association has been criticized for its position." Bar association president Humberto Reyes was present at the rally. "I was asked how many opthalmologists would be needed to improve the vision of public officials who are unaware of the continuous attacks on the public. I replied that the myopia of public officials was mental rather than visual." In closing he pointed to the mayor and said "Do your duty, Mr Mayor."

Professor Andress Cuellar also addressed the rally and asked for greater protection for the people of Matamoros and called for a reorganization of the police forces which he described as corrupt.

At the close of the rally which lasted nearly an hour, Mayor Guillermo Guajardo Gonzalez addressed the crowd. He said that he not unlike the

teachers was concerned about the bloodshed in Matamoros and he announced that today at 1000 hours state Attorney General Raul Albertos and state Police and Transportation Inspector Mario Flores would arrive to study the situation. The mayor invited the teacher to send representatives to the meeting to present their views directly to the two officials who are coming to help settle the matter.

Legal Action Taken

Matamoros EL BRAVO in Spanish 9 Oct 76 p 10-A

Excerpts/ Judge Ruben Gonzalez Chapa yesterday issued a formal order of confinement against attorney Roberto Mata Quintero who was charged with being an accessory to a crime by helping the attackers of professor Carlos Arias Gutierrez to escape and also against the former local police chief and three DIE agents for misconduct in their failure to arrest the suspects.

After several hours of reviewing the case, first instance Judge Ruben Gonzalez Chapa of the 5th Judicial District's Criminal Section made the announcement at 2000 hours yesterday. The judge also set bail at 2,500 pesos for former Chief Jesus Zuniga Lozoya and agents of the now defunct DIE, Rafael Antonio Nunez, Pablo Antonio Galindo Mendez and Miguel Morales Ornelas. Roberto Mata Quintero was released several days ago after he posted bail.

Shortly after the ruling was made public, Ramiro F. Rivera, attorney for the four former police officers, requested that his clients be released on bond. The former policemen were released yesterday after their attorney and family members posted the 2,500 peso bond. The former policemen and attorney Mata Quintero were arrested on charges of assaulting professor Carlos Arias Gutierrez last Saturday.

In announcing his ruling against Mata Quintero, the judge said that the charge of concealment carries with it a penalty of 16 days to 4 years in prison. The judge ruled that Mata Quintero committed fraud at the scene of the crime by attempting to solicit business. He apparently was trying to reach some kind of an "agreement" with the police chief, Gonzalez Chapa said.



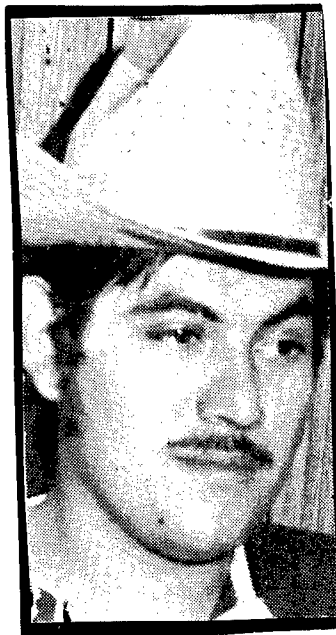
A formal order of commitment was issued yesterday for Roberto Mata Quintero on charges of concealment for helping the attackers of professor Carlos Arias Gutierrez to escape.



Pablo Galindo Fuentes, former DIE agent, was released from prison on bond last night after a formal order of commitment was issued against him for abuse of authority.



Former DIE agent Rafael Nunez was released yesterday after he posted a 2,500 peso bond set by the chief judge of first instance of the civil section.



Miguel Morales Ornelas, former DIE agent, was released yesterday on bond. He is accused of abuse of authority in connection with the attack by an armed group against professor Carlos Arias Gutierrez.

Court Clerk Dismissed

Matamoros EL BRAVO in Spanish 9 Oct 76 p 10-A

[Excerpts] The state superior court of justice yesterday dismissed attorney Constantino Cervantes Flores from his post as assistant clerk of the First Court of First Instance of the 5th Judicial District's Criminal Section. Judge Ruben Gonzalez Chapa made the announcement yesterday afternoon after he was notified shortly after noon of the dismissal of his clerk. Attorney Constantino Cervantes Flores had been provisionally removed by the court for improperly granting an amparo to the assailants of professor Carlos Arias Gutierrez who was injured by an armed group last Saturday night.

At the request of local teachers who staged a public protest over the attack, state Attorney General Raul Albertos Betancourt reviewed the awarding of the amparo and found a technical error. Although the amparo itself was legal, Cervantes Flores granted the writ of amparo outside the court when it should have been drawn up in the court.

Arrest of Assailant

Matamoros EL BRAVO in Spanish 15 Oct 76 p 10-B

[Text] After several days of an intensive search, the State Judicial Police yesterday arrested Felipe Jaramillo Gomez, one of the participants in the bloody incident in which professor Carlos Arias Gutierrez was seriously wounded in the head.

Felipe Jaramillo Gomez appeared today before the judge of the Court of First Instance, Ruben Gonzalez Chapa, to testify in connection with the incident which gave rise to the largest public protest against Matamoros law enforcement officials ever recorded in the last 25 years. The protest led to the ouster of federal prosecutor Juan Hector Garcia Benavides, the dismantling of the DIE, the firing of many police officers and the intervention of the [state] attorney general and the director general of police and transportation.

On the night of the accident, the suspect was apparently in the company of suspected assailant Roberto Chapa Garza and the other participants including Ramiro Mejia Duran, Humberto Benavides Trevino, Arturo Ruiz Ruiz and others. However, according to unofficial information obtained by EL BRAVO to date, Jaramillo Gomez did not fire the shot that injured the teacher.

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MEXICO

FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE SMASH HEROIN RING

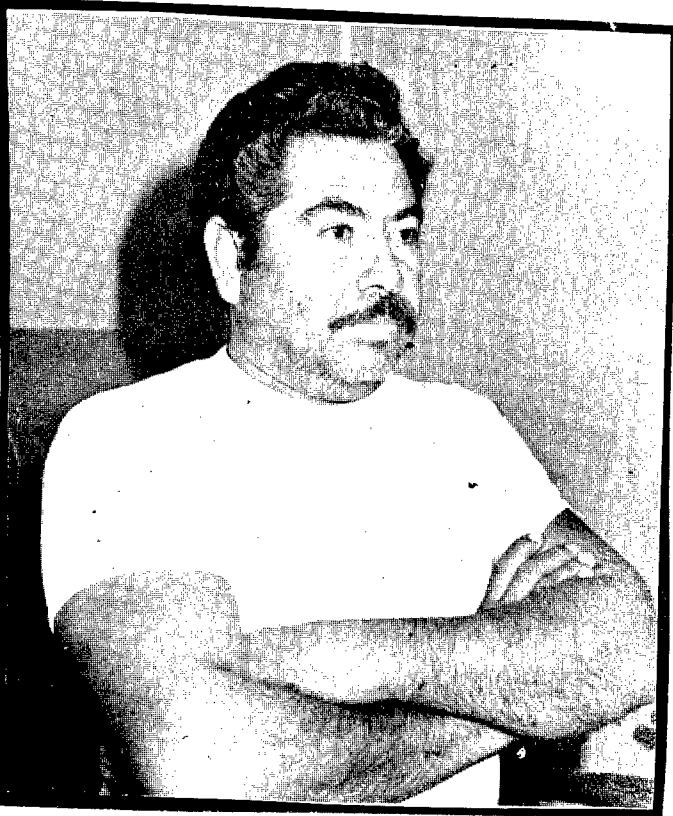
Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 9 Oct 76 p 3-B

/Text/ On Wednesday morning Federal Judicial Police agents led by Chief Jose Sanchez Galan completed an anti-drug operation which they had been working on since their arrival in Nuevo Laredo with the arrest of Lorenzo "El Pajaro" Torres Solis, the owner of the El Torito Bar, and seizure of 1 kilo 50 grams of brown heroin. Torres Solis and his accomplices, Jose Luis Castillo Lara and Jose Maria "El Chema" Guerrero Garcia, planned to send the heroin to Houston, Texas, and other U.S. cities. The drug seized by federal agents has an estimated black market value of \$200,000 (4 million pesos). The drug was sent to Nuevo Laredo from Culiacan, Sinaloa, where police have already identified and located the owner. His name was not released "to avoid hampering the investigation." In addition to the drug the federal agents seized a pickup truck, a Ford Torino and an automatic rifle with a full clip.

The drug dealers had ties with other persons that are being sought by the authorities in Houston, Texas where the drug was to be sent. Lorenzo Torres Solis delivered the drug to Jose Maria Guerrero Garcia who in turn would deliver it to Jose Luis Castillo Lara who transported it to Houston, Texas. According to Federal Public Ministry prosecutor Jaime Eugenio Torres, this ring using the same methods smuggled into the United States over a 2-year period 15 to 20 ounces of brown heroin a month. In financial terms this represents millions of pesos.

Our source added that this action concluded the Federal Judicial Police operation. The three suspects pleaded guilty and they are in the custody of the Federal Public Ministry /prosecutor/ who will arraign them before the sitting judge within the legal timeframe. We also learned, however, that the ringleader, "El Pajaro" Torres Solis will also be charged with corruption of a minor because he kept a young girl as his lover. The girl had been living with him since she was 13.

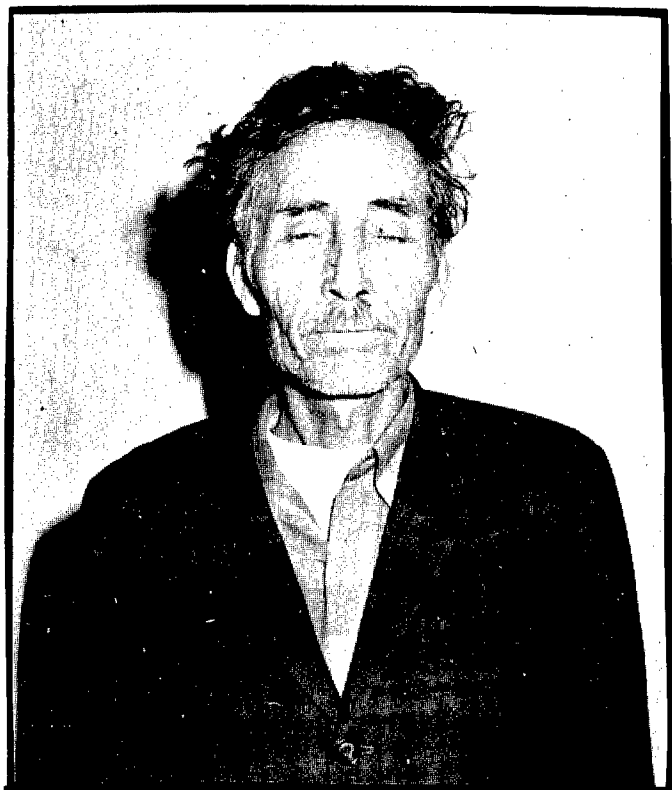
At the same time we learned that Atilano Saenz Jr. is being held in Laredo, Texas by the Task Force on orders from Houston, Texas narcotics officials. Bond was set for Saenz at \$20,000. Saenz was another contact for the ring arrested here by the Federal Judicial Police.



Lorenzo "El Pajaro" Torres Solis, arrested by the Federal Judicial Police, was the ringleader of a group operating in Nuevo Laredo and in the United States.

Jose Luis Castillo Lara, another drug dealer arrested with 1 kilo 50 grams of brown heroin worth \$200,000 on the drug market. The heroin was owned by Torres Solis who was also arrested.





Jose Maria "El Chema" Guerrero Garcia had been smuggling 15 to 20 ounces of heroin a month into the United States along with "El Pajaro" and Jose Luis. They received the heroin from Culiacan, Sinaloa.

These two pouches contained 1 kilo 50 grams of pure brown heroin worth \$200,000 or 40 /sic/ million pesos. The heroin was earmarked for the drug market in the United States.





This automatic rifle and two clips was seized by the Federal Judicial Police from Jose Maria "El Chema" Guerrero Garcia. This is irrefutable proof that he was ready for anything.

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MEXICO

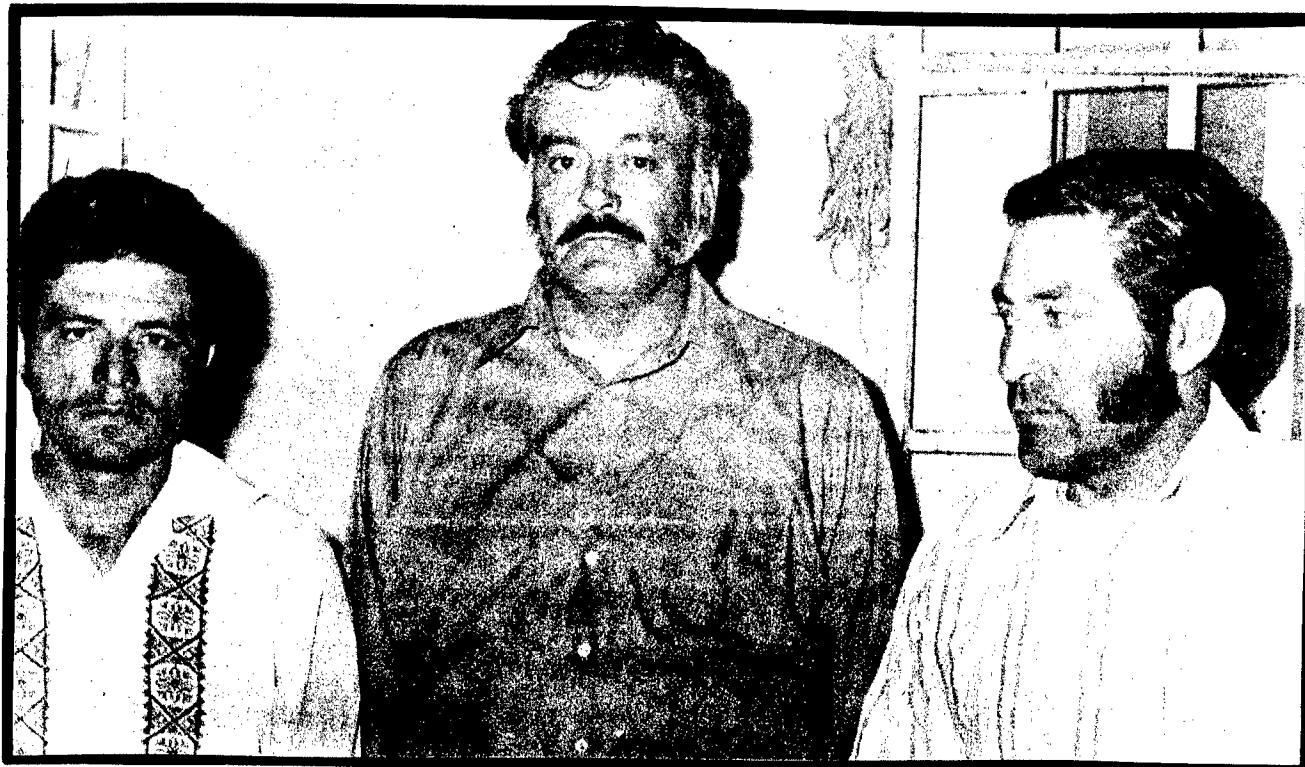
THREE HEROIN TRAFFICKERS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Ciudad Juarez EL FRONTERIZO in Spanish 14 Oct 76 p 2-A

/Text/ The Federal Judicial Police is continuing its relentless struggle against narcotics and drug traffickers. Two days ago they arrested three drug dealers who, according to their own testimony, have engaged in these criminal activities for several years. Farmers Felix Burgos, 33, and Zenaido Garcia, 45, and mechanic Ramon Silva Gonzalez, 32, are being held by the Federal Judicial Police. An estimated half kilo of pure heroin was seized from Felix Burgos. Its black market value was reported to be over \$80,000.

Anti-Drug Campaign General Coordinator Manuel B. Rodriguez Delgadillo said that the alleged traffickers had been under investigation for several months because of information indicating that they were engaged in these activities. Burgos, the first to be arrested, was apprehended at the El Naranjo farm located in Guadalupe y Calvo municipality. He surrendered the drug immediately. Burgos said that several days ago he brought the heroin from Culiacan, Sinaloa where he purchased it on credit. His supplier has probably already been arrested in the Sinaloa capital. Burgos added that he took the heroin to Villa Ahumada to Zenaido who sold it to the foreign buyers at \$800 per ounce. Burgos sold it to Zenaido for 7,500 pesos.

For his part mechanic Silva Gonzalez, who lives at the Los Pinos farm, Villa Ahumada municipality, said that Felix had asked him several years ago for information on heroin buyers. Since Zenaido had told him that he knew U.S. buyers, they formed a partnership for smuggling large quantities of this drug into the United States.



On the left is Felix Burgos from whom the Federal Judicial Police seized an estimated half a kilo of pure heroin. Next to him is farmer Zenaido Garcia and mechanic Ramon Silva Gonzalez, his accomplices in these activities.

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MEXICO

SEVEN ARRESTED WITH HEROIN, TOXIC SYRUP

Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO in Spanish 15 Oct 76 p 3-B

/Text/ The Federal Judicial Police Narcotics Department has been carefully investigating a drug traffic ring. During a press conference called by federal prosecutor Ricardo de Hoyos Arizpe, we were told that members of the police force headed by Jose Javier Sanchez Galan arrested several persons and seized a moderate amount of heroin and a toxic syrup containing codeine which when used in large amounts has the same effects as a drug.

Ex-convicts Braulio Castulo Pavon Martinez and Jose Olivares Hernandez, a former uniformed policeman, were arrested along with Julian Garcia Ruiz, Manuel Sosa Nieto, Reyes Gonzalez Araujo, Juan Torres Cortes and Jose Guadalupe Pavon Martinez. According to the federal prosecutor, federal agents seized 10 ounces of brown heroin and 90 bottles of a syrup called Lisofrin which has a high codeine content from Braulio Castulo Pavon Martinez, the owner of a junk yard located near the El Coyote Arroyo. The agents seized two ounces of brown heroin from Julian Garcia Ruiz. The Federal Judicial Police also arrested a woman who had been under intensive investigation.

Former uniformed policeman Jose Olivares Hernandez was identified as the key figure in this alleged drug ring and it was rumored at the Federal Public Ministry Agency that he had been released recently. Olivares Hernandez several years ago disarmed the then narcotics chief in Laredo, Texas, Oran G. Puig, and his partner after Olivares was caught with a marihuana shipment.

Braulio Castulo Pavon Martinez' address was given as 6219 Canales; his brother Jose Guadalupe lives at 3110 Amado Nervo Avenue; Olivares has his temporary residence at the junk yard near the El Coyote Arroyo; Julian Garcia lives at 7610 Eugenio Villarreal; Manuel Sosa Nieto lives at 6111 Arteaga; Reyes Gonzalez Araujo gave his place of residence as the El Molcajete Diner; and Juan Torres Cortes lives at 920 Pedro Arguelles.

De Hoyos Arizpe said that formal charges had not been brought against the suspects because the Federal Judicial Police were still conducting their investigation.



Former policeman and ex-convict Jose Olivares Hernandez, Julian Garcia Ruiz and Braulio Castulo and Jose Guadalupe Pavon Martinez are under intensive investigation. Braulio Castulo had in his possession 10 ounces of brown heroin and 90 bottles of a syrup called Lisofrin which has a high codine content. Garcia Ruiz had 2 ounces of brown heroin in his possession.



Modesto Sosa Nieto, Reyes Gonzalez Araujo and Juan Torres Cortes are members of the group under investigation by the Federal Judicial Police for drug trafficking. Gonzalez Araujo is also under investigation in connection with information obtained by the federal police that Gonzalez was released last Tuesday by the police inspector's office after he was arrested with a .38 caliber pistol in his possession.



A total of 12 ounces of brown heroin was seized by the Federal Judicial Police Narcotics Department in the second operation conducted since Jose Javier Sanchez Galan became chief.



Ninety bottles of a syrup called Lisofrin were found in the possession of Braulio Castulo Pavon Martinez along with 10 ounces of brown heroin. The syrup has a high codeine content and is used as a means of intoxication.

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MEXICO

SOME 2 TONS OF MARIHUANA SEIZED IN ZARAGOZA

Ranch Owner Arrested

Piedras Negras EL DIARIO in Spanish 19 Oct 76 p 4-A

[Excerpt] Two and a half tons of marihuana were found on the El Papalote Ranch, owned by Mrs Maria Rodriguez, in Zaragoza, Coahuila on Sunday at approximately 1530 hours. Federal Public Ministry investigator Jorge Charles was notified immediately. Sources told EL DIARIO that the official began the preliminary investigation although news of the incident was not made public until yesterday.

Federal Public Ministry agent Ricardo Tapia and Federal Judicial Police Chief Jesus Godoy Garcia went to the El Papalote Ranch. Mrs Maria Rodriguez, the owner of the ranch where the marihuana was found, was arrested and brought to jail in Zaragoza, Coahuila while the marihuana was taken to the Zaragoza municipal auditorium.

According to the official report obtained by EL DIARIO, the incident occurred on Sunday after two persons drove up to the ranch in an orange stake truck and asked for Chale Escamilla, saying that they had a shipment for him. The occupants of the vehicle were identified as Ariel Adan and Tono Rivera who unloaded the truck some 5 miles from the El Papalote Ranch owned by Mrs Maria Rodriguez. The two men covered the marihuana with brush and asked two ranch hands to guard it. The marihuana was, however, discovered by Dr Blas Rodriguez who was visiting the ranch. It was reported that Dr Rodriguez was Mrs Rodriguez brother.

The police were unable to locate Antonio Rivera, Chale Escamilla and Ariel Adan. Since they all have general passports, it is believed that they fled after they became aware of the police officers presence. The leader of the drug ring was identified as Chale Escamilla. The Federal Judicial Police also arrested Armando Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez' nephew, and another person whose name was not made public. Presumably Armando Rodriguez has no ties to the illegal shipment. He was arrested after he made some inquiries about those taken into custody.

Another shipment similar to the one that was seized by the authorities was also reported to exist.

A 1971 Grand Prix with Texas license plates No. LHL 13, a 1969 Chevrolet pickup with license No. DW 2011 and another vehicle used by the suspects which was found in Zaragoza with the crankcase missing were seized by the police. Three Federal Judicial Police agents from the Torreon, Coahuila Narcotics Department had been sent to investigate the drug traffic but they apparently arrived late because they were not notified on time.

More Details

Piedras Negras EL DIARIO in Spanish 23 Oct 76 p 1-B

/Excerpts/ Maria Magdalena Rodriguez Galindo, Armando Rodriguez Rios, Perfecto Montelongo and Berulio Huerta yesterday filed preliminary statements in the Coahuila District Court in connection with the charges brought against them for health crimes for possession of marihuana.

The report prepared by the Federal Judicial Police indicates that Antonio Rivera Rodriguez, who lives in Zaragoza, Coahuila, talked to Armando Rodriguez Rios about participating in sending the 2½ tons of marihuana to Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila. The report also states that Ariel Adan Noriega and Jose Eleazar Escamilla Rodriguez had suggested to Mrs Maria Magdalena Rodriguez Galindo that she hide the marihuana because the recipients, Hector and Raul Diego, had recently died in an automobile accident. The report also states that Jose Eleazar Escamilla Rodriguez, Mrs Rodriguez Galindo's nephew, and Ariel Adan Noriega had talked the owner of the El Papalote Ranch into hiding the marihuana by offering to pay her \$3,000 after the operation was completed.

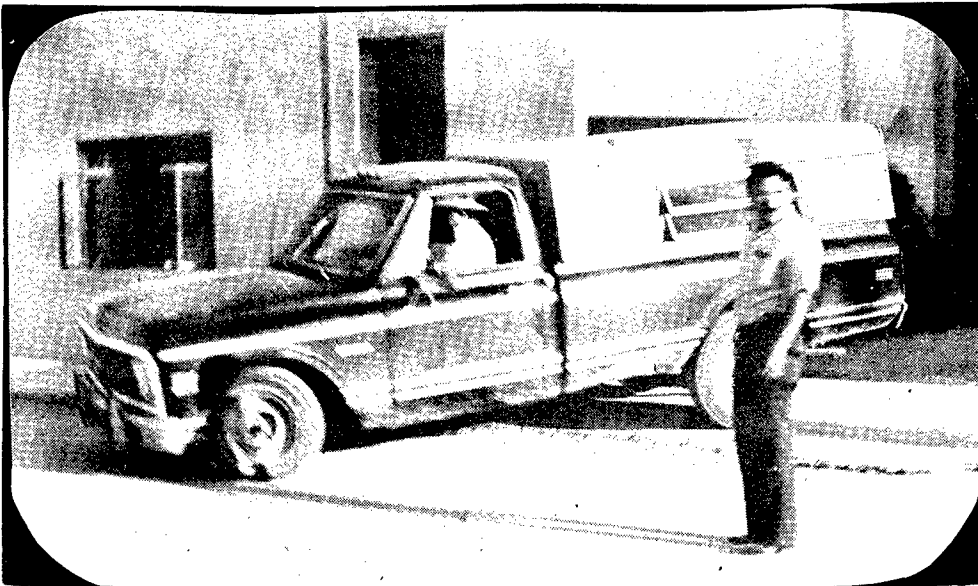
EL DIARIO reported earlier that the marihuana that was seized on the El Papalote Ranch belonged to a large drug traffic ring operating in Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila and in Del Rio, Texas. We also reported that one of its members had died recently in Del Rio. The EL DIARIO reporter attempted to obtain official confirmation that the Diego brothers were implicated as stated in the report, especially after learning that Ciudad Acuna and Del Rio, Texas residents were allegedly involved with the drug ring. However, we were unable to obtain any official comments because federal authorities refused to release any information.

It was reported that Armando Rodriguez Rios returned from Houston, Texas on the 15th of the month and met with Antonio Rivera Rodriguez who asked him to join him in transporting the marihuana. Rodriguez Rios accepted the offer, according to the investigators' report.

Jose Eleazar Escamilla Rodriguez and Ariel Adan Noriega are officially identified as the owners of the marihuana along with the Diego brothers who were killed in an automobile accident near the La Amistad Dam in Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila on 5 October. Hector and Raul used their business, the San Diego Feed Store, as a cover for their illegal activities. It was not known whether this was their first attempt or whether they have been engaged in the Ciudad Acuna drug traffic for some time. The seizure

of this large amount of marihuana was apparently the direct result of the death of the Diego brothers since they allegedly were directing this illegal business. Otherwise, the marihuana would have been taken to Ciudad Acuna and smuggled into the United States.

According to unofficial reports, neither Hector or Raul Diego had a police record or any known ties to the drug traffic. It was mentioned that one of the Diego brothers, Valeriano, was arrested after Federal Judicial police agents Jose Luis Castillo and Gonzalo Urrutia Espinosa tied him to Carlos Trevino, the owner of a ranch where a similar amount of marihuana was found under similar circumstances. Carlos Trevino was released for lack of sufficient to prosecute.



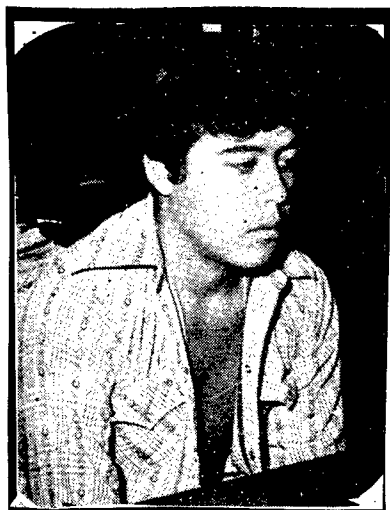
Chale Escamilla and Antonio Rivera were riding in this 1969 Chevrolet pickup truck and escorting the truck transporting the 2½ tons of marihuana. Ariel Adan was traveling in a vehicle which was found in Zaragoza, Coahuila after the marihuana was transported apparently from Mazatlan, Sinaloa. The marihuana was earmarked for the United States via Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila.



Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez Galindo signed her deposition in District Court. Mrs Rodriguez Galindo has been extremely nervous since the legal proceedings began. The shipment which Chale Escamilla and Ariel Adan Noriega left with her was for the Diego brothers, Hector and Raul, according to the official report.



Armando Rodriguez Rios and Berulio Huerta filed their preliminary deposition in connection with the seizure of 2½ tons of marihuana brought from Sinaloa for the Diego brothers in Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila. Rodriguez denied having any part in the operation while Huerta said that he found the marihuana and reported it to Dr Blas Rodriguez, his employer, who in turn reported it to the local police, Federal Public Ministry officials and to the State Judicial Police.



Perfecto Montelongo said in filing his preliminary statement that he thought that he was guarding a load of brushwood to be used for making brooms. He said that he did not know that he was guarding marihuana until the police officers arrived to investigate.

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MEXICO

POLICE SEIZE DRUGS, DESTROY LABORATORY

Nogales DIARIO DE NOGALES in Spanish 19 Oct 76 p 4

[Text] Culiacan, Sinaloa, 18 October--Federal Public Ministry prosecutor Carlos Aguilar said today that an investigation conducted in different cities throughout the country led to the arrest of five drug dealers belonging to a well-organized ring and seizure of heroin and cocaine worth 50 million pesos. He said that a clandestine laboratory was also destroyed during the operation.

Aguilar said that the investigation began in Tapachula, Chiapas where Saturnino Millan and Martin Cazares Rocha, the ringleader, were arrested. The two confessed that on 28 September of this year they bought 22 kilos of pure cocaine in Bogota, Colombia and transported it to Cazares' home in Tapachula. While searching Martin Cazares' home, the Federal Judicial Police found 3 kilos 500 grams of heroin in two bags, a can containing 8 kilos of cocaine, 1,150 grams of adulterated cocaine and an analytical balance.

The prosecutor added that the investigation continued and in Choapa, Veracruz Jose Gastelum and Jacinto Martinez Lopez, Martin Cazares' partners, were arrested. It was learned that Martinez Lopez has been buying cocaine for over a year in Bogota. He transported the drug to Culiacan by air after having built a landing field in Gabriel Leyva Solano, Guasave municipality.

The federal prosecutor said that the investigation led to the arrest of Manuel Hugo Carrillo in Guasave where he had a clandestine laboratory for processing the heroin supplied by Cazares Rocha and his gang.

In closing, the federal prosecutor said that the five suspects would be arraigned tomorrow before the district judge and the drugs would be submitted as evidence.

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MEXICO

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LARGE MARIHUANA SHIPMENT--The drug traffic was dealt a serious blow by agents from the Mexican Attorney General's Office when they seized over 1,000 kilograms of marihuana in Totolapan. The marihuana is worth over a million pesos. This blow to the drug traffic occurred last Saturday when police officers and Mexican Army troops came across an abandoned ore mine located approximately 7 kilometers from the road leading to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The mine was immediately searched and the marihuana was found inside. The marihuana was already baled which leads to the conclusion that it was ready to be shipped abroad for sale and distribution. The soldiers were about to destroy some marihuana fields when a police officer searching the area came across the marihuana. We also learned that in the Isthmus region marihuana has been seized and destroyed by federal law enforcement officials following intensive investigations. Text Salina Cruz EL IMPARCIAL DEL ISTMO in Spanish 13 Oct 76 p 4/ 8599

COCAINE SEIZURE--The Mexican Attorney General's Office also announced the arrest of six persons in the city of Durango. The suspects had in their possession 2 kilograms of cocaine which they planned to take to Chicago, Illinois. Some 800,000 pesos made from the sale of narcotics was also taken from the suspects. Excerpt Nogales DIARIO DE NOGALES in Spanish 21 Oct 76 p 4/ 8599

MARIHUANA GROWERS--Acapulco, Guerrero, 19 October--A group of peasants engaged in growing marihuana was arrested today by the Federal Judicial Police. Some 50 tons of marihuana, 15 pistols of different calibers, plastic bags, cord and other items were taken from the peasants. Several of the suspects are quite old. No one resisted arrest. The peasants are from different Arcelia municipalities. The peasants were identified as Cirpriano Abarca Alba, Martin Martinez, Hermenegildo Garcia Macedonia, Arcadio Ascensio Garcia, Alejandro de la Luz Castanon, Francisco Marcelino, Cristino Vargas Hernandez, Miguel Angel Arciniega, Antonio Lopez Hernandez, Juan Perez Delgado, Arcadio and Dimas Cidronio Garcia, Juan Hernandez Nava, Cirilo Garcia, J. Silva and Nicolas de la Luz Castanon. The men were placed in the Federal Public Ministry's custody. Text Nogales DIARIO DE NOGALES in Spanish 20 Oct 76 p 4/ 8599

LARGE MARIHUANA SEIZURE--Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, 5 October--Troops of the Sixth Cavalry Regiment based in San Andres Tuxtla arrested three peasants for growing marihuana and seized 2 tons of it. The incident occurred on the La Carbonera communal farm, San Juan de la Lana municipality, Oaxaca. The farm is near the Veracruz border. The suspects were identified as Vicente Salas Sanchez, Lorenzo Gallegos Hipolito and Aristeo Sanchez Sanchez who were initially taken to Playa Vicente and subsequently transferred here and placed in the Federal Public Ministry's custody. The army troops destroyed the plants which ranged in size from 1.5 to 2 meters in height and weighed a total of 2 tons. The suspects are being held in the Palma Sola regional prison. /Text/ /Minatitlan LA OPINION in Spanish 6 Oct 76 p 8/ 8599

DESTRUCTION OF MARIHUANA--At 1100 hours yesterday 3 tons of marihuana became ashes in a matter of minutes. The marihuana was burned at Kilometer 15½ on the Pan American Highway. It was reported that the 3,000 kilos of marihuana were seized several months ago from suspected dealer Jesus "Chato" Chavez and his accomplices. The marihuana was found near Villa Ahumada, Chihuahua hidden alongside an airplane. The marihuana had been transported from Barreales, Guadalupe y Calvo municipality and was in the possession of Jorge Garay. Other amounts were seized from several others who were engaged in these activities. All the suspects will be tried by the Second District Court on drug charges. This is the second time federal officials have burned marihuana. Approximately 2 months ago, 1,500 kilos of marihuana seized from Oscar Rene Morales King were destroyed. /Excerpts/ /Ciudad Juarez EL FRONTERIZO in Spanish 16 Oct 76 pp 1-B, 5-B/ 8599

UNPROCESSED MARIHUANA--Monterrey, Nuevo Leon (By Gilberto Sanchez)--Assistant Mexican Attorney General Salvador del Toro Rosales announced during a press conference yesterday that 2 tons of unprocessed marihuana bricks were seized by Federal Judicial Police agents on the Monterrey-Tampico highway. The marihuana was being shipped from Arriaga, Chiapas. Del Toro Rosales said that a 1971 Dina truck was stopped by federal agents led by Chief Humberto Garcia Arizpe at that point. The truck appeared to be carrying bananas but carefully hidden underneath were 2 tons of marihuana. The Dina truck was driven by Ricardo Serratos Sanchez who said that he was paid 15,000 pesos to transport the marihuana from Arriaga to Monterrey and that this was the second trip he had made. The marihuana was to be delivered to the Monterrey marketplace and left there along with the truck which carried the firm name and address of Pedro Perez Rivera, 114 Donato Guerra, Guadalajara, Jalisco on its doors. /Text/ /Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 12 Oct 76 p 4-B/ 8599

DESTRUCTION OF NARCOTICS--Narcotics estimated to be worth over 10 million pesos will be destroyed this weekend or early next week by federal authorities on orders from the Mexican Attorney General's Office. Some 10 kilos of drugs including heroin, cocaine, morphine, hashish, opium gum and so on will be destroyed. EL FRONTERIZO obtained the information from the Chihuahua coordinator general of the anti-drug campaign. Our source

said that part of drugs were being held at the Dr. Luis Estavillo Munoz Health Clinic and the remainder was in safety deposit boxes in two banks. This valuable cargo of drugs is the net result of 2 years of operations by the Federal Judicial Police and other police forces. This is the first time that such a large amount of drugs will be burned here. /Text/ /Ciudad Juarez EL FRONTERIZO in Spanish 17 Oct 76 p 7-A/ 8599

MARIHUANA PLANE CRASH--Nuevo Leon narcotics police are searching for the contacts of two U.S. pilots who died on Monday morning in the crash of their Cessna, license No. 8525, which was loaded with marihuana. Salvador del Toro Rosales said that the accident occurred in Galeana, Nuevo Leon where the plane crashed in the middle of the Primavera communal farm. It was here where the victims, Marla Kennesa Merrell and Edward Homer Ryl, landed on Sunday night and loaded a large number of sacks containing unprocessed marihuana onto the plane. The marihuana was left by as yet unidentified dealers alongside a clandestine airstrip. Some peasants told narcotics police officers that they had seen the plane fly overhead and then disappear from view. When they went to investigate, they found the plane had crashed into a 50 meter-deep ditch. Inside the plane were two bodies and the sacks of marihuana. Federal authorities were notified immediately and narcotics agents arrived on the scene and removed the bodies to the university hospital. Authorities believe that some of the peasants at the rural communal farm are involved in these activities and an investigation is underway to determine their names. /Text/ /Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO in Spanish 13 Oct 76 p 4-A/ 8599

CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIPS--Federal Judicial Police Chief Jesus Godoy Garcia accompanied by State Judicial Police and Federal Highway Police agents yesterday returned from Saltillo, Coahuila where they seized 75 kilos of marihuana. The marihuana which was brought to this city was apparently found alongside a clandestine airstrip near Ramos Arizpe, Coahuila. The marihuana was in four cardboard boxes. Jesus Godoy Garcia has dealt another major blow to the drug traffic with the seizure of 75 kilos of marihuana which causes so much harm to Mexico's young people. The Federal Judicial Police have dealt several blows to drug traffickers including the seizure of a kilo of heroin from fugitive drug dealer "El Tony" Garcia. At the Encantada mine in Melchor Muzquiz, Coahuila federal agents Francisco Marin and Jesus Godoy seized 200 kilos of marihuana which had been abandoned on a landing strip. In talks with Federal Judicial Police Chief Jesus Godoy, EL DIARIO learned that the police have several airstrips under special surveillance. /Excerpts/ /Piedras Negras EL DIARIO in Spanish 27 Sep 76 p 7-B/ 8599

DRUG SENTENCE REPEAL--Martin Chavarria Velez who was tried on drug charges for possession and transportation of marihuana has had his sentence repealed. The sentence was handed down by Coahuila District Judge Jose Becerra Santiago. EL DIARIO learned of the ruling from Xavier Luevano, head of the Coahuila District Court Penal Board. Chavarria Velez was arrested with a large quantity of marihuana which he apparently planned to smuggle into the United States. The arrest occurred after the Federal

Highway Police stopped the vehicle driven by Martin Chavarria Velez. Later when clear and convincing evidence proved that Martin Chavarria Velez was guilty of possession and transportation of marihuana, the judge sentenced him to 4 years in prison and fined him 3,000 pesos. The defendant's attorney appealed the ruling. /Excerpts/ /Piedras Negras EL DIARIO in Spanish 6 Oct 76 p 4-A/ 8599

NEW MILITARY COMMANDER--Yesterday morning Gen Salvador Lopez Matamoros assumed the post of base commander which had been provisionally held since September by Col Oscar de la Fuente Ornelas. General Lopez Matamoros of Puebla was appointed base commander on 1 October by the National Defense Ministry to replace Gen Carlos Gaytan Duron who was transferred to Veracruz. /Excerpt/ /Matamoros EL BRAVO in Spanish 12 Oct 76 p 1-B/ 8599

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IRAN

SMUGGLER ARRESTED WITH 750 GRAMS OF HEROIN

Teheran ETTELA'AT in Persian 15 Aug 76 p 30

[Text] The police antinarcotics office announced that Mohammad Ali Eftekhari, son of Nur Ali, who had been released from jail, was arrested again, on the grounds of selling and distributing narcotics in Hamadan, together with a companion, Yadollah Nowruzi, while selling 750 grams of heroin.

A file on this incident was prepared, and the two were taken to the prosecutor's office of the Royal Armed Forces with their files.

Afterwards, officers arrested the following persons on the charge of purchase and sale of heroin: Hoseyn Shokr-Khoda'i, chauffeur, of Abadan, age 28; Parviz Khalegi, native of Mianeh, address 9 Aban, age 27; Hoseyn Soleymani, employee of the mayor's office, Teheran, address Farahnaz Avenue, Mehrabad, age 25; Naser Aarakhani, butcher, age 24; Mansur Sa'adatbakhsh; Da'ud Amini, age 18; Hoseyn Dastani; Hoseyn Keyhani; 'Ali Chagini; and 'Ali Aorayshi. Also, Hamid Davatgar and Kazem Qomri were caught with a quantity of hashish.



Mohammad Ali Eftekhari

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IRAN

TWO ARRESTED FOR SELLING HEROIN, OPERATING OPIUM DEN

Teheran KAYHAN in Persian 22 Aug 76 p 42

[Text] Last night, antinarcotics officers arrested a former employee of the Export Bank who was selling heroin and a 38-year-old woman who was operating an opium den in her house on Gorgan Avenue and turned them over to the Justice Department authorities.

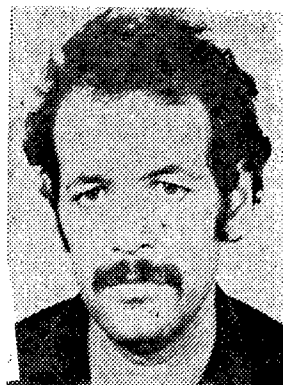
The employee, whose name is Vahid 'Alavi, had been engaged for a long time in distributing heroin among young people until his arrest. During investigations, he admitted that he was a former employee of the bank.

Antinarcotics officers also arrested a 38-year-old woman named Sara Iranshahi who had turned her house on Gorgan Avenue, 10 Meter Salman Farsi, no 416 into an opium den and was entertaining young drug addicts. In searching the house, 117 grams of opium and four sets of opium smoking pipes were discovered.

A file was prepared and the arrested persons were turned over to the Justice Department authorities.



Sara Iranshahi



Vahid 'Alavi

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IRAN

FOUR STUDENTS ARRESTED FOR SELLING HEROIN

Teheran KAYHAN in Persian 26 Aug 76 p 30

[Text] Antinarcotics officers arrested four young students who were involved in buying and selling drugs and sent them to the Justice Department with their files.

Changiz 'Atigechi, son of Iraj, a student at Sattar Khan High School, was involved in selling drugs. The officers became suspicious of him and placed him under surveillance. When he found that he was under surveillance he swallowed three packs of heroin one after the other to get rid of them.

Officers took this young man, who had fallen into a coma, to the Loghmanoddowleh Hospital and removed the heroin by pumping out his stomach.

Some time ago, antinarcotics officers learned that several young students were involved in buying, selling and using hashish around Elizabeth Boulevard and Farah Park. Officers put this section under observation and finally arrested one of the hashish peddlers, a student named 'Ali Markazi, with 30 grams of hashish in his possession and turned him over to the Justice Department authorities.

Antinarcotics officials received information that there were several young students distributing heroin. Officers who were patrolling different parts of the city arrested Mohammad Hashemi, son of Yadollah, 19 years old, with heroin in his possession. Following investigation of this individual, they found out that he is a second year student of a technical school. This young man was turned over to the Justice Department authorities with his file.

Antinarcotics officers also arrested Rahim Parandian, who is in his fifth year of high school, while he was smoking heroin at Tehranchi quarter, Teheran. This student also was sent to the appropriate authorities with a file on this incident.

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TWO HEROIN DISTRIBUTORS IN TEHERAN PARKS ARRESTED

Teheran ETTELA'AT in Persian 26 Aug 76 p 34

[Text] Police antinarcotics officers have arrested two young men who were distributing heroin and hashish among high school students in Teheran parks.

The officers were informed that several young men are distributing narcotic drugs in Farah park on Elizabeth Blvd.

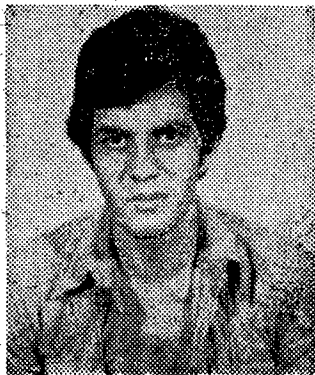
After investigation and identification, they arrested 'Ali Markazi, age 24, who had 30 grams of heroin in his possession. Officials plan to clean up all parks in this respect.

Also, officials were informed that a young student named Changiz 'Atigechi, a student at Sattar Khan High School was involved in narcotics distribution and an addict himself. Changiz, who was arrested with three packs of heroin, swallowed the heroin, but the officers took him to Logmanoddowleh Hospital and removed it by pumping his stomach.

Gholamreza Taheri, age 22, a resident of Kebritsazi Avenue, who engaged in extortion by wearing a police uniform and in dealing in narcotics, was arrested on Jamshid Avenue while riding in a Peykan automobile, No 61525 Teheran-T. During investigation, he said his intention in wearing a police uniform was not to show off.

Also arrested were: Hassan Nezam 'Ali, age 30, a poultry dealer living in Sarcheshmeh, with 34 grams of hashish in his possession; Shahbaz Golestani; Sima 'Ali Barzegar, age 32, a cook; Jalil Jaziri, age 36, a painter, with 19 grams of heroin in his possession; 'Ali Biseper, age 30, a lathe operator, with a quantity of hashish in his possession, and 'Ali Taha'i (on Estakhr Avenue), with a quantity of heroin in his possession.

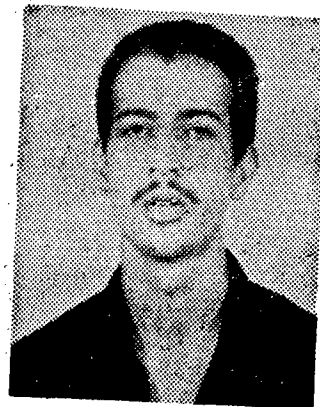
Files were prepared and these men were taken to the justice department authorities.



Ali Markazi



Gholam Reza Taheri
(bogus officer)



Changiz 'Atigechi

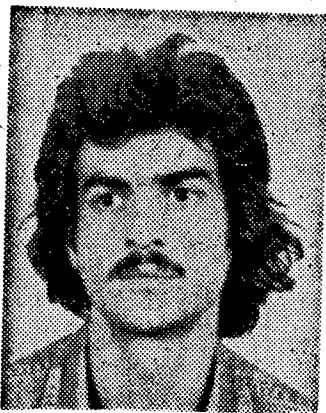
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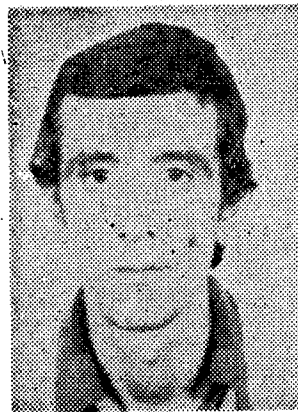
STUDENT HEROIN PEDDLERS ARRESTED

Teheran ETTELA'AT in Persian 29 Aug 76 p 22

[Text] Yesterday, on the basis of information that several young individuals were buying, selling and using heroin in the south section of Teheran and District 15, police antinarcotics officers arrested Rahim Parandeh, a student at Saken High School, Chavushi Avenue, while he was using heroin, and another student named Mohammad Hashemi with heroin in his possession.



Rahim Parandeh



Mohammad Hashemi

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ARREST OF SMUGGLERS LEADS TO HEROIN APPARATUS

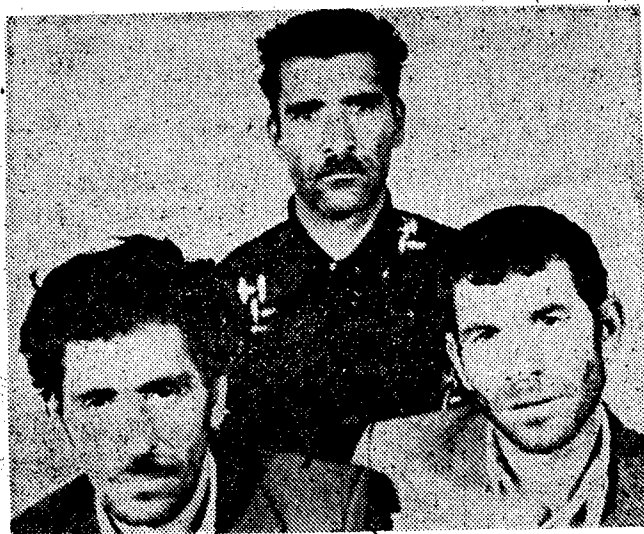
Teheran ETTELA'AT in Persian 7 Sep 76 p 26

[Text] A total of 1.52 kilograms of heroin was discovered through [the arrest of] three smugglers. Police antinarcotics officers, posing as customers, arrested two brothers named Mohammed Hasan and 'Ali Akbar Bouzhmehrani and a third person named Haj Ali Asghar Bouzhmehrani, who were involved in making heroin and selling it in the village of Bouzhmehrani and in Teheran.

The officials first discovered 1.52 kilograms of heroin on 'Ali Akbar; then, with his help they found the address of the maker of the heroin. During a search, they found a heroin laboratory, 3.5 kilograms of lime powder, and 8 kilograms of sodium bicarbonate used to prepare heroin. After the apparatuses were discovered, the owner of the house, Mohammed Hasan, said that they all belonged to Haj 'Ali Akbar Bouzhmehrani, the owner of a garden several hectares in area, who also had several apparatuses in his garden.

Officials arrested 'Ali Akbar after he had made some sodium bicarbonate and was taking it to his garden. They searched 'Ali Akbar's home, which was located at a corner of the garden, and there they found two heroin-making apparatuses, a few bottles of acid and some sodium bicarbonate and sal ammoniac mixed with opium.

A file was prepared and all three accused were taken to the office of the prosecutor's office of the Royal Armed Forces prosecutor with it. The heroin and heroin-making equipment which had been discovered were turned over to the Central Office of Narcotic and Drug Supervision.



Smugglers of narcotic drugs were arrested.

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IRAN

OPERATOR OF OPIUM SMOKING DEN AND HASHISH PEDDLERS ARRESTED

Teheran ETTELA'AT in Persian 8 Sep 76 p 22

[Text] Antinarcotics officers were informed that Hasan Manzari was operating an opium den in his house on Kheyyam Avenue, opposite Pachenar, Gozar-e Mostowfi, 11 Hemmat Street, and entertaining some well known government officials and influential people among his clientele.

Officials put the above address under watch, and, after [making the] necessary investigations and checking the accuracy of the information, entered the house under legal formalities.

On searching the place, the officials found a considerable amount of opium and burnt opium, pills for addicts, opium molasses, opium smoker's pipes, opium scales and some smuggled government opium. They arrested 10 persons and hauled them to the Justice Department authorities with their files.

Afterwards, the officers were successful in dispersing the hashish peddlers in the parks and arrested Ruhollah Bayrami, who had a considerable amount of hashish in his possession.

The officials also arrested Zolaykha, Saleh, Naser, Reza, Daryush, Tagi, Ebrahim, Mohsen and Sirius with a quantity of heroin and hashish in their possession.

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BELGIUM

POLICE ARREST TOP HEROIN TRAFFICKERS

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[Article by J. A.: "Belgian and German Police Capture Leaders of Heroin Traffic Net"]

[Text] Two characters like those one sees in commercial movies: one Chinese, mysterious, an untouchable from the Hong Kong underworld; the other, an Antwerp playboy who lives most of the year in the Balearic Islands surrounded by young people have just fallen under the ax of Belgian-German collaboration in the pursuit of drug traffickers.

This time, the prize was large and the glory shared. The Wiesbaden "Kriminal Polizei" arrested the Chinese and the BSR [Special Investigation Brigade] of the Antwerp gendarmerie intercepted the playboy. As in the works of Picasso, each day European police become a little more efficient.

At Wiesbaden

The first act takes place in a Wiesbaden bar. The "Kriminal Polizei" broke in and, before anyone could make the slightest move, several "customers" who arrived before the men in uniform surrounded Leung Kai, a Chinese.

Well, Kai, isn't one driven to take chances nowadays?

The German police superintendent hit the bull's-eye. Tragedy finally struck Keung Kai because he exposed himself. At his home were found 10 million francs worth of heroin which he carried from Amsterdam into Germany. Leung Kai, one of Hong Kong's greats, some years ago set up his headquarters in the Belgian capital: two restaurants in Antwerp, a magnificent villa at Schilde and a collection of gambling casinos scattered throughout the world. But times are hard for thieves and business feels the effect, not because of the economic crisis but because of the vitality of the police.

For many years, attempts were made to catch Leung Kai red-handed. Finally, he was caught with his hand in the pie. Exit Leung Kai I.

In the same net there is a Leung Kai II with exactly the same name. While Leung Kai I and his accomplice in Antwerp, Walter Colfs, 54 years old, were held in custody at Wiesbaden, the Hong Kong suppliers became impatient. They sent Leung Kai II to the home of Leung Kai I to demand the money for the last delivery of 4 kilos of pure heroin. Menaces, warnings, even threats to kill...the panic-stricken wife--went to the gendarmerie. The latter immediately put together the two affairs. They had arrested a Chinese, a playboy who was a sort of liaison officer with French circles, then two other persons whose names will not be divulged because through them the police hope to completely dismantle one of the most powerful networks of traffickers in the West.

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INTERNATIONAL DRUG NETWORK CRUSHED

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[Article by Jean-Claude Broche: "Belgian Tourists to the Near East Were Couriers for Three Drug Traffickers"]

[Text] Brussels Court of Summary Jurisdiction: A very difficult narcotics case opened Thursday morning in the 22d division of the court presided over by Judge Dautricourt. It dealt with hashish trafficking in nine countries: Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Austria, the Federal German Republic, Denmark and Belgium.

Werner Savoye, 45 years old, alias "Daniel," a German with the given name Peter and a Belgian arrested in Denmark were the brains of a gigantic network between a Lebanese village in the zone now controlled by the Syrians and either West Berlin or Denmark.

"Daniel," Peter and the Belgian imprisoned in Denmark, needed vehicles and "couriers." Each of the 14 defendants recruited in Belgian cafes had made one or more trips. These trips proved to be unpleasant for the pseudo tourists since three of them were brought before Bulgarian justice where they were sentenced to 4 years imprisonment and fined 50,000 francs. Two of them were more fortunate than the third man who is still in Sofia prisons. One of the defendants was able to return to Belgium after making an appeal and the other was released on probation.

We say the trips were unpleasant because a woman defendant was kidnapped in Lebanon and was at the point of being sold in Egypt.

For a better understanding of the case, the government attorney put together a long movie. We disseminate it but point out, however, that the heads of the organization unfortunately do not appear in it. It denounces the pseudo tourists.

Five of the 14 defendants have been arrested: Jean-Louis Lottin, 46 years old, a businessman of Saint-Gilles; Simone, 49 years old; Guy Van Roy, 36 years old, a business representative; Jose Michils, 24 years old, a laborer from Brussels; and Nicole, 25 years old.

Three of the 14 defendants are fugitives: Jacques Muller, 31 years old, a teacher; Jacques D'Hane Steenhuyse, 27 years old, from Ixelles, an electrician and one of the "leaders" Werner Savoye, 45 years old, a business agent.

Finally, 10 of the 14 defendants have criminal records. Of those whom we have named, only Simone and Nicole have clean police records. Let us then temporarily retain their semi-anonymity.

With just one exception--a laborer from Woluwe-Saint-Lambert, 25 years old--all the defendants have confessed and admitted that they succumbed to the temptation to earn very quickly many tens of thousands of francs, perhaps 100,000 francs for each trip.

Just by stressing the ravages caused by drugs, Claude Leroy requested that they be given very severe sentences. Moreover, some of the defendants have long police records and the cases of four of them are legally aggravated by the fact that they are repeaters: Van Roy, Savoye also, Willy Beersaerts, 32 years old, from Saint-Gilles, a plumber, and Marcel Rebere, 38 years old, from Deux-Acres, a chauffeur.

A Difficult Point of Law

Most of the lawyers evidently seek individualized treatment for each defendant by sorting out and evaluating attenuating circumstances in each case.

However, in the case of Pierre Bosseray, 53 years old, of Brussels, a chauffeur with French citizenship, Pascal Vanderveeren chose to plead a point of law rather than the crime itself--the principle of international criminal law, especially articles 10 to 12 of the introduction to the code of criminal procedure which states when a foreigner can be prosecuted in Belgium for a crime committed outside the national territory. According to the doctrine, Bosseray's alleged participation in a punishable act must be tried in the place where the main crime was committed. In this case it was Lebanon.

The other defendants seemed to be very sorry that they were not providentially born in Tourcoing....

Pascal Vanderveeren also pointed out that proceedings were made against Bosseray in Bulgaria and demanded his acquittal. He reproached the government attorney for not making known his sentiments on these judicial arguments presented well in advance of the hearing.

Jose Saels and Anne Krywin represented Simone, a secretary who at the age of 49 briefly entered a life of crime. They pleaded in a very different style, recalling the serious psychological problems of their client, her hard but honest life and that she is very willing to cooperate if put on probation.

Joelle Noel revealed that Guy Van Roy had already served a one-year prison term in Damascus, Syria. She claimed for her client the benefits of the law providing clemency for persons who denounce their leader and accomplices in the drug trafficking.

The court which also heard the pleas by Lottin (Georges) and Michils (Lievens), decided to continue the hearings Friday morning.

The pleas by five counsels remain to be heard.

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FRANCE

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LE HAVRE DRUG NETWORK--Police have discovered a peculiar drug network near Le Havre. Traffickers at the Sainte Adresse beach were hiding drugs under stones on the beach, and young clients would come to get them there. Five persons have been charged. In four months the local narcotics brigade has made 50 arrests. [Paris Domestic Service in French 1600 GMT 18 Nov 76 LD]

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GREECE

BRIEFS

DRUG DEALER ARRESTED--Austrian national Alfred Rosnack, 28, who was considered by the Security Police as one of the most dangerous dealers in drugs, fell into the trap of the police and was arrested at the Athens quarter of Kolonaki on Tuesday. Rosnack had established himself in Glyfada about a year ago and used to frequently travel to India from where he bought and smuggled into Greece selected quality morphine which he sold to an elite clientele, as he himself admitted to the police after his arrest. A quantity of 10 grams of morphine was confiscated on him, while a further 90 grams were found in his home.

[Text] [Athens ATHENS NEWS in English 11 Nov 76 p 7 AT]

NEW HEROIN IN GREECE--A new type of extremely strong grain heroin was confiscated from Italian student Onufrio Traversa, 23, in Athens on Monday. Traversa admitted he had smuggled the narcotic in small plastic bags hidden on him from Bari, Italy. This was the first time that such a type of heroin circulated in Greece. Traversa was arrested after falling into a trap laid for him by security policemen, who pretended to be buyers of narcotics. [Text] [Athens ATHENS NEWS in English 10 Nov 76 p 7 AT]

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SWEDEN

EIGHTEEN PERSONS ARRESTED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC

Stockholm SVENSKA DAGBLADET in Swedish 2 Oct 76 pp 1, 4

[Article by Margareta Artsman: "Dope Business Worth 15 Million"]

[Text] So far 18 persons have been arrested and 5 prosecuted in the narcotics ring which was disclosed in Gothenburg. Twelve kilos of amphetamines were seized, but it is known that at least 25 kilos, worth 15 million Swedish kronor, have been sold in Gothenburg alone.

We are here dealing with a crime which is particularly difficult to solve, prosecuting attorney Christer Fogelberg says to SVENSKA DAGBLADET. It is like fishing with a trotline. Now and then we get pieces of information proving that the ring is connected with other crimes in the country. They are involved in thefts of art, weapons and other stolen goods, prostitution and illegal gambling.

When searching houses in cities like Stockholm and Gothenburg, the police have found stolen goods and other proofs which may lead to the narcotics ring, and intensive investigations are being conducted simultaneously by the national criminal division.

Prosecutor Fogelberg talks about concealed criminality and direct links with Holland.

The Dutch narcotics sharks whom we arrest in Sweden and who are given jail sentences here but are later deported, meanwhile, spin a fine web of contacts in our country, he says. And as long as a continuous recruiting to the narcotics market is done in the jails, we are helpless.

The Dutch exchange addresses in jail, and they later meet in Amsterdam to continue business with their Swedish contacts. The supply of amphetamines is unlimited in Holland today. There are illegal amphetamine factories which can produce tens of kilos a day, and the raw material needed is available on the open market.

There is an enormous supply of narcotics in prisons today. It has gone so far that he who cannot get hold of dope in the open market seeks the prisons, says Christer Fogelberg.

The most disturbing fact is that we now have our own heroin markets in the larger Swedish cities, and with disastrous consequences.

Heroin a Plague

Heroin is our future plague. It is present here and now, but the authorities will not face the truth and discuss it unconditionally. It is unpopular to try to discuss the matter. It is obviously better to state what you personally feel is good and to discuss various treatment experiments.

But there is no pat solution. What is needed is simply an awakening in Sweden, a will to fight the narcotics problem in the largest possible groups of society, to spread knowledge in schools and study groups and among physicians. We have a superstition about the effects of narcotics treatments instead of getting to the roots of the evil.

The chief of the narcotics squad in Gothenburg Commissioner Lennart Lindman, regrets that the investigation of the narcotics ring was publicized at such an early stage that too many bad guys were warned, a fact which made the investigation much harder.

The investigation was begun already at the end of last year, but no action could be taken till 11 September. Some 9.5 kilos of amphetamines was when found in a car downtown. Two of the big operators who are now arrested, have confessed to bringing at least 25 kilo, from Holland.

They had not earlier qualified for the narcotics business but started traveling to Holland when their illegal gambling operation went bad. Their contact in Amsterdam, who is now in jail there, supplied them with unlimited amounts of amphetamines, which they brought into Sweden by car through Fredrikshamn.

Bought Luxury Home

In Gothenburg two brothers took care of the shipment and resold it to small-time peddlers. The two brothers, who are also arrested, made big money on the trade. Last year one of them bought a luxury home in the 1/2-million bracket, outside Gothenburg, and paid cash.

Three crime detectives from Amsterdam are presently in Gothenburg to cooperate with the police here and try to clarify the Dutchman's connections in Sweden. They suspect that he organized sales to other narcotics rings in the country as well.

TURKEY

BRIEFS

WINTER OPIUM SOWING--Most of the winter opium poppy sowing in Afyon, Isparta, Burdur, Usak and Kutahya for the 1976-77 season has been completed. It has been reported that in these provinces about 300 hectares have been sown with opium poppy for the winter season. Oguz Erkin from the Trt Antalya Bureau reports: As 3,000 hectares are being cultivated with opium poppy this year, about 90,000 opium producing farming families have been issued with written permission for opium poppy cultivation. In the meantime, inspections in opium growing regions will begin when the poppies reach a certain maturity. These inspections will be carried out by narcotics units of the provincial gendarmerie commands accompanied by experts of the soil products office and security officials. Opium poppy is being cultivated at present in Afyon, Burdur, Denizli, Isparta, Konya, Kutahya and Usak provinces of Turkey. [Text] [Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish 1100 GMT 13 Nov 76 NC]

ILLEGAL OPIUM CULTIVATION--Sivrihisar--Akajans--Forty male inhabitants of the Yenidogan village in the Sivrihisar District have been sentenced to 20-month prison sentences and fines of 2,040 Turkish liras, for cultivating opium poppies without permission. The experts of the soil products office have established that in the gardens of the village a total of 250 square meters were planted with opium poppy. [Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish 25 Sep 76 p 13 NC]

HASHISH SEIZED IN ANKARA--Hashish valued at 300,000 liras and weighing 4 kilos has been seized in Ankara. A TRT correspondent reports that the Ankara narcotics squad caught three persons using hashish in a car in Kecioren the day before yesterday. Acting on tips supplied by these persons, the police raided two houses in Ankara where 4 kilos of hashish were seized. Five persons have been taken into custody in connection with the incident and legal action has been undertaken against them. [Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish 1600 GMT 30 Oct 76 TA]

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